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11th time's a charm

Murray Fearrey assumes warden's role for 11th term

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Festive folk

Wendell Ferguson, left, and Katherine Wheatley delighted an enthusiastic crowd on Dec. 18 as they performed at the Wild Moose in Haliburton. Presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, A Winter's Night included a number of songs of all genres, including instrumental, country, folk and even a few Christmas tunes. More on page 4.

Angelica Blenich
Staff

Man recovering after hit and run

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It was a night out with friends that ended with a trip to the hospital and a helicopter ride to Toronto.

On Dec. 17, Alex Trueman, 20, was at the Northwood Bar enjoying time with friends who were home for the holiday break.

When Alex was ready to head home, he and

his friends called a cab and waited outside the bar for it to arrive.

After a lengthy wait, the 20-year-old decided to start walking to his house on Maple Avenue about one kilometre from the bar.

Alex didn't make it very far before he was hit by a car, according to his mother Peggy Trueman.

"I suspect he was hit near the end of the Northwood's driveway, because the condition he's in he couldn't have made it very far," she said.

Alone at the time, Alex crawled back to the bar at which point someone found him in the parking lot and called 9-1-1, said Peggy.

He was taken to the Haliburton Hospital and later airlifted to St. Michael's hospital in Toronto, where he is recovering.

"He's going to be fine," said Peggy, who is hopeful he will be discharged before Christmas day.

As a result of the accident Alex suffered

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news and events worth noting

Director of health and social services Bob Knight said the 24-unit, low-income housing project for Haliburton is one step closer.

Knight told the City of Kawartha Lakes council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13 that provincial approval is now in place.

The city recently received a grant of \$2.9 million for the housing development.

He said there were a total of four conditions, of which two had been met and two were well in hand.

Lisa Gervais, QMI Agency

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Don't miss this wonderful evening of entertainment and inspiration. Proceeds will go to the HHSS Hospital Ladies Auxiliary: those angels among us whose dedication to patient care impact the lives of all our families.

The show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets available at the door, \$7 adults, \$5 for students.

We gladly accept unwrapped toys which will be delivered by the HHSS drama students to the 4Cs on Dec. 23.



OPP fill a cruiser

OPP auxiliary officer Dick Schell, left, and auxiliary member Ian Wilson load food in to the back of a police cruiser on Dec. 15 at the Haliburton Foodland for the Help Fill a Cruiser fundraiser for the Haliburton 4Cs food bank.


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Highways to Fairways aim to feed 150 families this Christmas

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SIRCH has created and distributed a catalogue entitled Gifts from the Heart which was launched Nov. 3. The gift catalogue features symbolic gifts that will make a difference to children and adults who are experiencing difficult times.

The Highways to Fairways team in partnership with their sponsors at the Golf Clearance Warehouse will be selling \$50 gift certificates by going door to door in both Haliburton and Minden on Wednesday Dec. 21. \$25 of each certificate will go directly to SIRCH - their goal is to feed 150 families this holiday season by selling 100 certificates!

If you miss them coming to your door you can call the Highways to Fairways head office at 705-455-9991 up until Dec. 31 to get your certificate. To donate or for more information about the Gifts from the Heart Catalogue go to www.sirch.on.ca or contact 705-457-1742. It's not too late to do your last-minute Christmas shopping!





December, 22 2011

Canadian book titles make the perfect gift

Coles'Notes
Catherine Coles
Branch Services Librarian

I humbly believe that Canadian writers are among the best in the world. As part of my Evergreen Award committee duties, I have to read a lot of Canadian titles - and here I've outlined some of my favorites published this year.

Touch by Alex Zeman is a story of family violence set deep in the rugged Canadian wilderness. We follow Stephen, an Anglican minister, as he recalls his childhood in his hometown of Langham, a remote logging village. He recalls the tale of his grandfather's journey, the town's founder, a man who was said to have encountered golden caribou, moose, and even a grizzly bear. A winter that lasted so long it buried the town in snow until July. Touch is a well-written and very unique.

Natural Order by Brian Francis is narrated by Joyce Sparks, an 80-year-old woman in an old-age home in her hometown of Bala, Ont., looking back on her rocky relationship with her

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The Highlands Weekender

Season's Greetings

2011-2012 Winter Guide



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Fearrey becomes warden for 11th time

➤ Dysart reeve given position to lead through difficult economy

Jenn Watt
Editor

Tough economic times were the theme of this year's inaugural county council meeting.

Selected to lead Haliburton County into 2012 as warden, Dysart Reeve and current Warden Murray Fearrey referenced the ailing economy in his speech to fellow councillors at a special ceremony Dec. 13 in Minden's council chambers.

It's "not an exciting time to govern," Fearrey said, noting that most of Ontario's cities are in debt and that financial prudence will be the unglamorous path most governments have to trek over the next few years.

Fearrey said that Haliburton County had much in common with Ontario's North – including small hamlets divided by wide spaces – and he asked that MPP Laurie Scott petition the government to include this region in FedNOR.

Scott, who was at the inauguration, like-



Jenn Watt Staff

Haliburton county council 2012: back row from left, Dave Burton, Cheryl Murdoch, Bill Davis, Liz Danielsen, Suzanne Partridge. Front row from left, Barb Reid, Warden Murray Fearrey and Carol Moffatt. Fearrey was elected warden for his 11th term at the inaugural county council meeting Dec. 13 in Minden.

wise referenced the hard financial times, but said she had faith in the community.

"Times are tough, but we're tough up here," she said.

Wardens in Haliburton are selected by fellow county councillors for one-year terms.

Council is comprised of eight members, the Reeves and deputy Reeves of each of the four municipalities in the county.

In the past, the position of warden has been evenly shared amongst the municipalities in a rotation, but given that many of the members of county council are new to county politics as of November, 2010, it was felt Fearrey was the best candidate to fill the role this year.

"I do believe we have a global economic issue," former warden and current Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said in his speech nominating Fearrey.

He said Fearrey had a proven record and provided strong leadership.

Deputy-reeve of Algonquin Highlands Liz Danielsen seconded the nomination and said since council was such a new group, a proven "strong leader" was needed.

As there were no other nominations, Fearrey was acclaimed warden for 2012.

The event also included a non-denominational prayer by Reverend Bev Hicks of the Northland Faith Church.

Among the items prayed for: a surplus budget, new equipment and that Haliburton county "become the envy of the rest of Ontario."

County budget expected to come in on target, council hears

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors got a look at what they're dealing with as they prepare to put together the budget for 2012.

Treasurer Laura Janke provided councillors with a budget overview at their Dec. 14 meeting.

Estimated gross expenditures for 2011 are approximately \$18.5 million and while some areas may be a little over budget, Janke expects this year to come in almost on

target, with the year-end variance expected to be less than 0.5 per cent.

The county currently receives monies from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund at a rate of \$1.2 million per year and while she has included that amount in her draft budget, Janke said the county is at risk of losing that money.

"If that goes off the table, it's a pretty big hit for us," she said.

Nor are any road or bridge grants expected in the upcoming year.

There will be rising costs for employees due to collective agreements and benefit

increases.

A cost-of-living raise for non-union employees is set at one per cent in the draft budget.

There will also be increased costs for social housing and social services.

"Some good news is there's growth," Janke said.

Growth from 2011 to 2012 will equate to about \$125,000.

The draft budget includes a tax levy increase of 2.2 per cent and the net expenditures expected for 2012 are approximately \$12.5 million.

2012 is the final year of four-year, phased-in assessment increase by MPAC.

The draft budget includes \$26,000 for outside organizations to be determined by council, \$4,000 for the county's medical professional recruitment committee and \$25,000 for the doctor recruitment reserve.

Department heads will present their draft budgets to council in January.

The county collects 37 per cent of its taxes from Dysart et al, 27 per cent from Minden Hills, 21 per cent from Algonquin Highlands and 15 per cent from Highlands East.



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Hodgson fulfills childhood promise to teacher

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When she saw him after the Vancouver Canucks versus the Toronto Maple Leafs game this past Saturday, it was a special moment, punctuated by an embrace that brought a flood of memories back for retired Haliburton teacher Laraine Forgrave.

It all started with a promise made more than 10 years ago when then Grade 1 student, Cody Hodgson, now 21, agreed to Forgrave's request that if he ever made the NHL that he would send her an invite. True to his word, the Canucks' rookie centre called her up two weeks ago so that she could see him play professional hockey.

Forgrave, who taught Hodgson at the Victoria Street Elementary School, is still touched by the gesture that she said she'll

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Honestly, I was just blown away and felt pretty special and humbled.

— Laraine Forgrave

never forget.

“Honestly, I was just blown away and felt pretty special and humbled,” Forgrave said. “Seeing him play his dream, it was just an experience in [my] life that I’ll never forget.”

Forgrave said Hodgson told her after it was a thrill and a fun experience playing

at the Air Canada Centre (ACC) against the Toronto Maple Leafs in front of friends, family and former teammates.

“I’m just so happy for him, as I would be for anyone who gets to reach their dreams,” she said, remembering she was so happy when he was drafted that she sent him a congratulatory note.

She only taught him one year before he moved to Markham the year after.

Forgrave said he might have been wearing a dress suit, but she still sees the traits of that Grade 1 student who used to tell her about his games playing for the Haliburton Huskies hockey team.

“I could see he was the same Cody, interacting with everybody,” she said, recalling the same smile, the ability to listen, quiet leadership and his sense of humour. Forgrave asked Hodgson after the game why he ever thought to invite her.

“Well, you told me,” he said, matter-of-

factly.

She made the trip with her husband Peter, who doesn’t normally cheer for the Canucks, but made that night an easy exception when sitting at the ACC, surrounded by Hodgson’s parents, grandparents and siblings.

“We’re big hockey fans in this house. Actually we’re really big Leafs fans, but it wasn’t very hard to cheer for the Canucks on Saturday night. It really wasn’t at all,” she said.

The Canucks skated away with a 5-3 win. Although Hodgson didn’t finish with any points, he certainly left many friends, family and one teacher with a smile and an everlasting experience.

A request was made to the media contact of the Canucks for an interview with Hodgson, but he was unavailable before the *Haliburton Echo*’s press deadline.

Observant neighbours credited in arrests

The local OPP is crediting observant citizens for the arrests of three break-and-enter suspects in the Haliburton Lake area.

Police responded to a residence on Haliburton Lake Road after neighbours reported they saw someone trying to kick in the front door on Dec. 11 around 4:40 p.m.

Police were able to recover stolen property and ended up arresting two Ajax men along with a local youth.

A 20-year-old man from Ajax was charged with two counts of break and enter, two counts of break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence and possession of property obtained by crime. He will be in Minden court on Feb. 1 to deal with

the charges.

Another 20-year-old man from Ajax was charged with three counts of break and enter, two counts of break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence and possession of property obtained by crime. The accused is to appear in Minden court on Feb. 1.

Also charged is a 17-year-old Haliburton man. This accused is charged with two counts of break and enter, three counts of break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence, possession of property obtained by crime and failure to comply with a recognizance. The accused was remanded into custody.



A Winter's Night

Local singer Sheri Hawkins, left, and musician Shawn Chamberlin opened up the show A Winter's Night presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society on Dec. 18 at the Wild Moose. Angelica Blenich Staff

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Residents express dissatisfaction with condition of roads

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 12 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Those who live in the subdivision known as Haliburton-By-The-Lake are unhappy with the condition of their roads, and hope council will take action in the near future.

Their concerns were raised during a delegation made by Dan Trautman, representing the residents.

"As ratepayers we're very concerned about the state of roads in our subdivision," he said.

Residents were told they would have their roads repaved in 2011, but it didn't happen, said Trautman.

Trautman told council he had visited many of the neighborhood's residents and started a petition that now had more than 50 names on it asking the roads be repaved.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey did not seem convinced by the petition.

"No one hardly ever says no to a petition," said Fearrey.

The subdivision includes approximately two kilometres of roads throughout it, with residents becoming increasingly depressed about their condition, said Trautman.

Combined, the residents contribute approximately \$200,000 to the township in taxes, said Trautman.

Fearrey said Trautman had made his point and that he understood the roads were bad, but explained that not all of the \$200,000 in taxes goes to Dysart.

"There are a few things you need to understand," said Fearrey.

Of the \$200,000 collected in taxes from the residents of Haliburton-By-The-Lake, the municipality was left with \$50,000.

The remaining funds were used to cover OPP policing costs and landfill fees.

Council to get new laptops

Members of Dysart council are inching towards a new technological era with a decision to purchase new laptops.

Councillor Dennis Casey, chairperson of the environment and green energy committee, made the recommendation to council.

Of the committee's \$3,000 budget, \$2,500 remains leaving committee members thinking about how best to spend the money.

Casey proposed two opportunities to use the funds, the first to purchase LED pot lights to replace the current lighting in council chambers.

Second, he proposed seven laptops be purchased and locked down in council chambers and used during public meetings.

"This is an attempt by the committee to move forward a little," said Casey, explain-

ing both ideas would be an environmental friendly initiative for the municipality to undertake.

Council and various committees, including the museum board and public planning meetings, use council chambers.

Chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee argued that by purchasing the laptops the municipality would be saving costs associated with photocopiers, such as ink, paper and energy.

The cost to purchase the laptops is \$359.99 each, for a total of \$2,519.93 plus HST.

Clerk Cheryl Coulson said the lack of computers also created additional strain on administrative staff and that the municipality was already struggling with administrative resources.

Coulson added the computers would be highly beneficial for staff training purposes.

Councillor Susan Norcross wasn't sold on the idea.

"I don't think we should be spending the money on the laptops," she said.

Norcross argued council would be criticized for choosing to spend money on the computers.

"I think it's a great idea," said Councillor Andrea Roberts.

Councillor Walt McKechnie also believed it was a good decision.

"We're looking at under \$3,000 for the laptops, if they cost \$5,000 each I would say you're out of your mind," he said.

McKechnie joked that maybe it was time even he got connected.

A resolution to purchase laptops at a cost of up to \$2,800 was carried along with a resolution to purchase LED lights.

Municipality offers free public skating

In an effort to promote healthy living and offer family friendly activities Dysart will be hosting a number of free public skating opportunities over the December holidays.

There are currently nine days of public skating being offered free of charge to the public at the Dysart arena. Local corporations are sponsoring the sessions.

The free skating will take place from Dec. 27 to Dec. 30 and also from Jan. 2 to Jan. 6, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily.

Meeting schedule to change in 2012

Council agreed to change the weeks on which their meetings take place, effective March of 2012.

The decision was spurred by Reeve Murray Fearrey, who requested the weeks of municipal meetings coincide with Haliburton County council meetings.

Starting in March of next year, meetings will occur on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

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points of view

Christmas wishes

LIKE THANKSGIVING, Christmas is a time of year when most of us pause and consider the people and things for which we are grateful.

This is often done on an individual scale, recognizing the love, caring and commitment of friends and family.

But it can and should also take into account community.

In Haliburton County, there is much to celebrate.

We live in a caring place; charities abound, strongly supported by a population that has limited means.

The food banks have been flooded with literally tens of thousands of dollars this December from businesses, musicians, private individuals and children.

Other social service charities have likewise experienced a boost in donations heading into the winter months.

We should also celebrate our successes over the past year, including the senior winter games, which brought together hundreds of local volunteers in the sporting event.

The games not only provided a venue for physical activities for those 55 and older, but it proved to many that the Highlands has the capacity and capability to host what had previously been considered a city-sized

event.

Many other annual festivals continued to grow and impress including Colourfest and the Haliburton County Studio Tour, Highland Games, Dusk Dances, Forest Festival and Hike Haliburton to name just a few.

(And who could forget the day when roller derby came to Wilberforce?)

New development, though not very Christmas sounding, is another positive to embrace.

As new condominiums go up in the Granite Cove development on Park Street, we also hear that progress is being made on an affordable housing complex just outside of town.

Both housing types are welcome, badly needed, additions.

Our health-care facilities likewise continue to improve with a palliative care suite complete and in use at the Haliburton Hospital, fundraising for X-ray equipment moving quickly and first steps complete towards the long-term goal of acquiring a CT scanner.

We should also feel grateful for the people we have known who passed away in the last 12 months. Their lives' work made all of our lives better.

May 2012 bring even more to be grateful for.

Happy holidays!



Jenn Watt
Editor



Lake setting

photo by Darren Lum

Laughter is the best gift

AT SOME POINT in the Christmas season my "Inner Grinch" starts to surface and can be quite crabby.

It happens when I start to feel too busy, or cynical about the commercialization of Christmas, or when it has been raining and dark for a few days. We all have our Grinch-like days. Luckily, there are many ways to soothe and calm my Inner Grinch and one way is by laughing.

Whether it is laughing with my friends, reading a good book that makes me laugh or going to a movie it all helps.

My family recently went to Peterborough for a doctor's appointment so we took advantage of being there and went to see a movie. We chose the *The Muppets* and it was the perfect antidote for my grinchy state. I was a Muppet fan when they were on TV in the late '70s and early '80s and I was so excited to see them again, and to watch them with my daughter and share that part of my life with her.

As soon as the opening number started I was bouncing in my seat. I felt instantly happy and silly. It is a delightful story featuring Kermit, Miss Piggy, Swedish Chef, Gonzo the Great, Statler and Waldorf (the two grumpy old men in the balcony) and all the other Muppet characters. I laughed

hard 30 plus years ago and I laughed hard at this movie.

What amazed me was that the audience in Peterborough was mostly adults and I could hear people laughing and singing along with the Muppet theme song and *The Rainbow Connection*. It seems it was the perfect movie to watch on a cold and rainy December evening.

It was a trip down memory lane for all of us. I have so much respect for Jim Henson, who created these characters and show, for all the humour and joy he contributed to

the world.

I recently found this quote and it made me think of him.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I think Jim succeeded.

I hope you all find ways to laugh as much as possible during the next couple of weeks.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow



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points of view

All I want for Christmas

THE PROBLEM WITH gift giving, as I see it, is that you never quite know what to buy.

So, as a public service to both of my loyal readers, I thought I'd write an informative and maybe even helpful article entitled "What to give a middle-aged man for Christmas."

I know that this is something that we rarely discuss in polite company, but it is nevertheless important.



Steve Galea

Loon Tales

Why? Because middle-aged men are notoriously difficult to buy for mostly due to the fact that, as a group, we stopped paying attention to technological advancements in about 1981.

Essentially, this means that anything that plugs into a wall – unless its sole purpose is to pluck ear and nostril hair – is a risky proposition.

So what does that leave us?

One rule of thumb is, if it runs on gas, we probably understand it or at least can pretend we do. Cars, airplanes, motor boats, ATVs, chainsaws or riding lawn mowers are just a few good examples of things that the average middle-aged man would appreciate. Of course, most people buying gifts for middle-aged men do not have the disposable income to purchase any of those things, so we can safely rule them out. See how helpful this article is already?

The next category to remove from your list includes things that make big explosions. A case of his favourite chili and gas barbecues immediately come to mind.

The next thing to rule out is hunting or fishing gear – if only because you would have to sift through all the gear we have already accumulated and try to figure out what we don't have. And with Christmas rapidly approaching, you just don't have the time for this.

Also, unless it is made of wholly out of buckskin, anything with frills should be summarily ruled out. Add to this list anything donning floral patterns or smelling better than a wet raccoon and you will remain on the right track. Hey, I don't make the rules...

Similarly, if it fits tightly around the neck like a noose, we can do without it. This means neckties, ascots and necklace type things are off the list. Naturally, duck and goose calls are the exception to this rule – a man can never have too many of these things. But, of course, if you are the gift buyer who has to live with the man who owns a new duck or goose call, you have probably already ruled this out yourself.

If it comes with a set of instructions that are absolutely required reading to prevent a prolonged hospital visit, it's best to leave it on the shelf too. Which is too bad because I could really use an electric tooth brush.

You could also do well steering clear of reading material that challenges the ways we are now firmly set in, along with self help books, because, once we pass the age of 45 we are well beyond help. And, unless you are acting out on some deepseated hostilities, never buy us exercise equipment and anything remotely resembling tights. It's cruel.

Lastly, contrary to popular belief, we don't want you to buy us sexy lingerie and give it with a card that promises a special night. For one thing, we just don't look good in it.

So head out now and beat the rush. Those nose and ear hair trimmers are going fast....

Merry Christmas.



pic of the past

Psychology Discussion at the Red Umbrella Inn Carnarvon, Ont. 1952. Donald Fordham, Joan B., Winnie Fordham, Dorothy Peck, Joanne MacLean, Mazie Harrison, Eleanor Ownes, Franny Bulser and Barb Harrison. /Photo submitted by Earl and Eleanor Cooper

Pics of the past are submitted, therefore we can't always ensure accuracy in all names.

letters to the editor

Ryders appreciate paved shoulders

To the Editor,

On behalf of our cycling club, The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders, I am writing to extend our thanks to the county for paving some of the shoulders of the roads in areas where our club frequently rides.

We feel more comfortable riding on Deep Bay Road and the section of Highway 121, from south of County Road. 1 north to Hwy. 35, now that the pavement has been extended onto the shoulder. Hopefully, as future improvements are made to road infrastructure, this trend will continue on other routes in the county.

Paving the shoulder provides safer travel for everyone, not just cyclists. Pedestrians, motorists and police, and fire and ambulance vehicles also benefit from that extra margin on the edge of the road. Paving the shoulder should save maintenance expenses as regular grading of gravel shoulders would no longer be necessary. Cyclists have discovered other counties, like Lennox-Addington, with beautiful paved shoulder allowances, and these people will be drawn to Haliburton for the beauty, tranquility and challenge, and because Haliburton County has paved shoulders on which to ride.

Our little club started in 1998 as a group of eight. Our membership in 2011 is now 134, with 55 to 70 cyclists out every Tuesday for a ride. About 70 per cent of our rides are in the Haliburton-Minden area. At the relatively slow pace of a moving bicycle, we notice the paved shoulders and we are most appreciative. Thank you.

Mike Chellev
President, Haliburton Real Easy Ryders

Prevention over treatment

To the Editor,

Adapted from an ancient teaching:

Once upon a time in a pretty little village, bodies started floating down the river into the lake. Alarmed, the townsfolk organized to retrieve the bodies and give them a proper burial.

Soon this became the work of the whole village as the number of bodies increased and everyone was involved in some way. Fundraising to buy the equipment, space and training was ongoing.

Although fearful, people felt better in doing something.

Then one day, someone asked, "where are the bodies coming from?" After much debate, a group went upriver and found many people not well. They lacked access to fitness facilities, healthy food, good jobs, housing, transportation, etc.

The people from the pretty little town who saw the problems started working to change them.

Hope replaced fear and they all lived happily ever after.

My question is, why raise millions of dollars for a CT scan machine? Let's prioritize health over illness and emphasize prevention over treatment. Raising millions of dollars for wellness programs and facilities would greatly benefit the whole community in a positive, hopeful way.

I am interested in hearing what others feel about this.

Annie Mighton
Haliburton

Operators wishing for a white Christmas

Jenn Watt
Editor

The weatherman isn't on the nice list this Christmas season in Haliburton.

Between unfulfilled forecasts for freezing temperatures and the well-publicized prediction of a green Christmas by Environment Canada's senior climatologist Dave Phillips, coaxing tourists north in December has been more difficult than usual.

And the weather itself hasn't helped, either.

Warm days dominated by rain have washed away much of the snow, causing some tourism operators to cancel excursions with potential customers.

"We had several bookings for last week and several bookings for this weekend, which we've cancelled. Nothing major, but a few here and there," said dogsled tour operator Tanya McCready on Friday.

"If [customers are] in Ontario, then certainly they can reschedule and it's not a big deal, but a couple of groups have been international so they're just here for a fixed time. ... Those ones you do lose," said the co-owner of Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

McCready and her husband and co-owner Hank DeBruin run tours from December to March, with many of them booked six months in advance.

While customers are told that December isn't the most reliable month for snow, it is still a letdown to have to cancel.

Phillips's prediction in early December wasn't of much assistance.

"He went out a week and a half ago and made this huge thing about he bet the bank on it being a green Christmas for most of Canada. You can't predict the forecast three days ahead, so how can you predict three weeks?" McCready said.

Calls started coming into the county's tourism office after that prediction from operators concerned tourists would avoid the Highlands if they thought it would be green.

"We just got some bad press in regards to the Ministry of Environment [saying] we're going to have a green Christmas. I know that affected a lot of the stakeholders, just by the calls that are coming in and it doesn't help us to promote [Haliburton], for sure," tourism coordinator for the county, Maria Micallef, said.

When the county got its first real snowfall, staff members were taking photos and get-



Crews at Sir Sam's ski hill were busy making snow to cover the hill in preparation for opening day on Dec. 17. The ski hill had enough snow to offer two runs on its first official day open. Snow machines were running all night and day during the entire weekend.

Angelica Blenich
Staff



It's imperative to have the snow come to get the phones to ring.

— Maria Micallef,
tourism coordinator

ting the word out that winter had arrived.

"We went out and took pictures the day we had the pristine snowfall and the branches were covered in the white, fresh snow. We tweeted that [on Twitter] that day and it was re-tweeted numerous times," she said.

Yours Outdoors owner Barrie Martin has been doing his own tweeting. Over the course of last week, the experience-based tourism operator has been lamenting the warm weather, which is putting two of his tours in jeopardy.

"It's one thing when someone from Toronto is coming up. It's another to have international clients looking for a Canadian winter," Martin said in an interview.

While it was still too early to make a

call on whether snow would arrive for the guests, coming up starting Dec. 24, Martin was busy hatching a Plan B – things to do that don't involve snow.

Martin's business is based on outdoor experiences and these groups, one including 13 tourists from New Zealand, had signed up for the "Make Peace with Winter" package, which includes cross-country skiing, dogsledding and a sleigh ride.

"All of those are quite dependent on snow," Martin said. He is also considering Plan C: cancel.

Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort co-owner Chris Bishop is battling the weather, and the weatherman, in another way.

Unlike other winter tourism operations, Sir Sam's doesn't need natural snow. It just needs cold enough temperatures to make the white stuff. While the weather stations were predicting -5°C temperatures Friday – creating good snow-producing conditions – for most of the day it was relatively warm, around 1°C.

"We're missing 12 hours of snowmaking," Bishop said from the hill's chalet, looking out the window at snow guns sitting idle.

When in operation, the machines can pump 500 gallons of water a minute, turning it into snow.

To be ready for opening day Dec. 17, snow was made through the evening, when

temperatures dipped below zero.

As with the other tourism operations, the winter season doesn't really begin until Boxing Day at Sir Sam's, still Bishop would be more comfortable with more cold and more snow earlier.

"Mother Nature is making me sweat this year," he said.

Once the snow arrives in the Highlands, there will be one more challenge for tourism operators to tackle: spreading the news.

"It's important to get the word out once we get that base [of snow]," Micallef said. "It's imperative to have the snow come to get the phones to ring."

People living in the Greater Toronto Area don't always realize that there may be snow here, even when there's none in the city.

"It's hard to get that perception out there that even if there isn't snow south of us, there sometimes can be the possibility that it's here," she said.

McCready has experienced the same thing. "We always say we know when it's snowing in Toronto because the phone is much busier. There's no doubt what they look out their window and see impacts what they think everyone in Ontario has. One of our biggest challenges is educating people that we usually have snow here when they don't down there," she said.

Alex Trueman suffering broken ribs, collapsed lung

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some broken ribs and a collapsed lung, said Peggy, however, she knows it could have been much worse.

"He's pretty scraped up on his face. He doesn't have any brain damage. His cat scan is clear," she said.

Family members were still awaiting a report from the radiologist, clearing Alex of any damage to his spine.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Alex is currently studying at Algonquin College.

The driver that hit Alex did not remain on the scene, according to Peggy.

An investigation into the accident is

ongoing and family members are working with the OPP.

According to constable Sandy Adams, OPP were called to the scene outside the bar at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Circumstances around the incident are still being investigated, said Adams.

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New parking meters for Highland Street

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

With a revamped main street in the works, Haliburton Village will also be welcoming new parking meters along Highland Street once construction is complete.

Dysart et al council agreed at their Dec. 12 meeting to move forward with the implementation of pay and display meters, with a tender process to be done in the spring of 2012.

Director of public works Brian Nicholson estimates the new meters will cost \$40,000 to \$50,000.

If they weren't replaced, the current meters would have to be retrofitted as a result of new coins to be issued in 2014, said Nicholson.

The cost of retrofitting would ring in around \$20,000.

"They're also aging," said clerk Cheryl Coulson.

The new units will accept both new and dated coinage.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said there is a need for meters in Haliburton because of the concentrated downtown area.

"We've got all our business concentrated in a one-block radius ... if you don't keep the traffic flowing I think you've got serious problems," he said.

Along with placement, council will also need to consider signage when implementing these units, said Nicholson.

"You can't put a little kiosk halfway down the block and expect people to pull up to the curb and know that they've got to go find it," he said.

Afraid the signage may clutter up the streetscape project, Nicholson was wary of over-populating the street with signs.

"I would like to see the units between the curbs and sidewalks and close to a pole ... that way you can put the sign on a pole," said Nicholson.

Councillor Walt McKechnie said it was important council ensure the meters do not become an eyesore to the downtown area.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said the Haliburton Business Improvement Area was in favour of the new meters, as downtown businesses want to keep the traffic moving.

"I think we need to move forward with this," said Roberts.

Council still needs to decide if they will implement solar panel display or electrical units.

Nicholson proposed council install five pay and display units to replace the 41 units currently in Haliburton Village.

Suggested sites include between Bernstein's and McKecks, between Remax and V & S department store, in front of Aniz restaurant, in front of Source for Sports and in between 173 and 177 Highland St.

The units will provide many benefits to the municipality as they will be more profitable, more efficient and bring in increased revenue, according to Nicholson.



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Municipality closer to paying off fire trucks

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 13 meeting of Highlands East council.

The municipality of Highlands East is hoping to have their fire equipment paid off by the end of 2013.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, chief administrative officer and treasurer for the municipality, delivered the news to council.

"We could be free of these debts in 2013," Stoughton-Craig told council.

In 2008, Highlands East bought two new pumper trucks and two new tanker trucks for \$750,000.

Funds to purchase the trucks were borrowed from Infrastructure Ontario, according to Stoughton-Craig. By the end of this year the municipality will still owe \$250,000 on the loan.

In 2010 another tanker was purchased at

a cost of \$178,588.

The municipality has budgeted \$45,000 a year towards the cost of this truck.

Every year the municipality receive funds from insurance payouts, said Stoughton-Craig. In 2010 alone Highlands East collected \$63,069.

The CAO requested a resolution be passed to allow her to use reserve funds to partially pay off balances owing on all five trucks.

The resolution was passed.

Looking towards the future, Stoughton-Craig is hoping the municipality will be in a position to purchase fire equipment without borrowing, relying solely on their reserves.

Councillors congratulated Stoughton-Craig on her management of municipal funds and progress in paying off debts.

"This is a success story," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge expressed similar feelings.

"I hate borrowing funds when it's an

expense we know is coming," she said.

Burton thanked Stoughton-Craig for all her hard work.

"Kudos goes to Sharon, believe me," he said.

Firefighters to receive training

Council has authorized fire chief Bill Wingrove to enroll five volunteer firefighters in training courses in 2012.

The courses take place at the fire academy in Norwood at a cost of \$4,400 per firefighter.

The courses will run on Saturdays from February to June, totaling 160 hours of training.

Council did not send any firefighters for training in 2010.

Councillors reflect on first year in office

After a year of serving the residents of Highlands East, municipal councillors reflected on their time spent in office thus far.

Each individual expressed satisfaction with the work they've achieved.

"It's a lot of fun, we're all working very hard," said Councillor Joan Barton.

"This is a Highlands East team," said Cec Ryall.

While he admitted the job can be challenging at times, Councillor Steve Kauffeldt said he was excited to see what the next 12 months brought.

Having served on previous councils, Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge thanked the group for their cooperative spirit.

Burton echoed her thoughts.

"You've all been a pleasure to work with, including the staff," he said.

Library taking food for fines all month

Jenn Watt
Editor

For the entire month of December, library patrons can eliminate their fines while helping the community.

Food for Fines, in its second year at the Haliburton County Public Library, is a program that allows those with overdue fines to donate food or money to the food bank instead of paying the fine.

"People seem to like it," county library CEO Bessie Sullivan said of the program.

"For some reason, people want to pay their fines in food."

Last year, the library allowed patrons to donate rather than pay for one week.

It was such a popular concept that they decided to dedicate a whole month to food collection.

Each of the county's eight branches is participating with the collected donations going to the closest food bank.

"The idea is that food stays in the community in which it's donated," she said.

The library isn't concerned about losing the revenue from the fines, since their function isn't to bring in funding so much as encourage returns.

"Fines are not for revenue. ... It's for collection control," Sullivan said.

While some libraries around the country ask for fines to be paid off in specific units of food (i.e. one large can substitutes for \$2 in fines), Haliburton County has taken a simplified approach allowing any donation to completely eliminate a user's fines.

"It's better for everyone: the staff and the public," Sue Robinson, community partnerships and administration staff member, said.

Robinson was in charge of organizing

Food for Fines for the library and liaised with the food banks to arrange delivery of the donations.

(Since the food banks have enough for December, the non-perishables will be brought to the buildings in January.)

The library branches are also collecting money for the food bank, which can be used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, milk, etc.

Donations are not accepted in lieu of lost or damaged material.

All of the county's branches will be taking food bank donations until Dec. 30.






Jenn Watt Staff

Community partnerships and administration staff at the library Sue Robinson has coordinated the Food For Fines program at all eight branches of the Haliburton County Public Library. You can donate food rather than pay your library fines until Dec. 30.


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Highlands East gets \$15,000 to upgrade kitchen

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The kitchen in the Lloyd Watson Centre will be receiving a facelift thanks to an infusion of money from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

At their Dec. 13 meeting, Highlands East council announced they were successful in receiving a \$15,000 grant from the foundation, to go towards purchasing a new commercial quality dishwasher and a double oven stove with grill.

Councillor Joan Barton said she received notice in November they were successful in

their application for the grant.

"We got the full amount we asked for," she said.

The application was prepared during the summer months by the municipality along with help from Barton and a number of community groups, namely the Wilberforce Agricultural Society.

"This application was spurred by the agricultural society as it was them that requested the dishwasher," said Barton.

The funds will also go towards renovations to the kitchen, which are required to install the new appliances.

In addition to the grant, community groups that assisted in the application

have committed to donating \$3,900 to the project, of which \$1,300 has already been received, according to Barton.

The councillor expects the remaining funds will be received in the next month.

The municipality has committed \$4,795 in additional funds to assist with completing the project.

Once completed it is expected the kitchen will become more efficient and functional.

"I'm thrilled," said Barton.

Other members of council were equally excited the project had received funding.

"Well done," said Councillor Cec Ryall.

Recent complexities with the project have emerged since the funding was

approved and additional construction may be required to complete the project.

Council may have to install an additional door to the kitchen, requiring the construction of a new beam to add support.

"This may have to come back to council and we may have to ask for some additional funding," said Barton.

Located in Wilberforce, the Lloyd Watson Centre hosts a variety of events throughout the year. According to the municipality, it has been 20 years since the kitchen was last updated.

The kitchen does not currently have a dishwasher.



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Fire department gives back

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Highlands East fire department Station 4 in Wilberforce has donated \$500 to the 4Cs in Haliburton.

They have decided to skip their annual Christmas party this year to help people who are in need in the community.

Bill Wingrove said that they came up with the idea to donate the money among them-

selves.

The fire chief of Highlands East also added that he is "proud of them".

Judy MacDuff says this is no the first year they have made a donation.

The treasurer for the 4Cs added that the money from the donation will be going towards paying for the food vouchers that are handed out at Christmastime.

She said that this donation "goes a long way" and is a "very generous donation."



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Rail Trail strategy process extended

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The public engagement strategy for the Haliburton County Rail Trail will take longer than initially anticipated to complete and will cost the county more than first expected.

Kate Hall, the community planning consultant council hired in July to conduct, design and oversee a new engagement framework for the trail, visited county councillors at their Dec. 14 meeting.

"The task group continues to meet regularly," Hall said.

The group consists of Hall, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and five citizens.

It hosted four public input sessions in Haliburton and Minden during the last month or so, which identified barriers in achieving visions for the trail, as well as solutions to those barriers.

In total, 59 people took part in that exercise and nearly 1,000 surveys have been completed.

"What's left to do is data analysis," Hall said.

Once that data is organized and usage options for the Rail Trail are developed, another public meeting will be held to allow the public to comment on those options.

That meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7.

"This is where . . . the shoe hits the trail, as it were," Hall said.

While she'd initially anticipated the whole process, including a new plan for the Rail Trail, to be completed by the year's end, Hall said she'll need an extension until the end of the March to complete the project.

For those three additional months, Hall requested \$1,250 per month in consulting fees.

The original contract for the project signed in July was for \$9,100 plus expenses.

"That's not an item we have budgeted for," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said and Minden Hills Reeve Barb

Reid said it was common that consultants worked for a fee negotiated upfront.

"As a consultant, I can't come back for more money," Reid said.

Hall told councillors she felt she had a commitment to the community.

"It's a difficult situation," said Moffatt. "I'd like to see us be able to do something."

Councillors agreed to meet Hall halfway on the additional consulting fees.

The Rail Trail, which stretches 34 kilometres from Haliburton village to Kinmount, has been a source of contention for years, as its users struggle to agree who should and shouldn't be allowed on.

While there was once a committee of councillors and stakeholders overseeing the corridor, it fell off the rails.

Oversight of the trail has since come under the auspices of the county's economic development committee, comprised of the county's four reeves.



You better not pout, I'm telling you why

Students from Cardiff Elementary School perform at their annual Christmas concert held on Dec. 13 at the Cardiff community centre./ Photo submitted



That's a wrap

4Cs Christmas Wrap volunteer Sue Carroll, who has been helping for the last five years, takes a moment to smile while organizing the hundreds of toys and clothing destined for children and youth in Haliburton, Cardiff and Wilberforce in the basement of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Haliburton on Monday, Dec. 12. Donations, which included gift cards and certificates, came in from all over the community. Carroll was one of several people who helped organize from Monday to Wednesday. This has been run for more than 20 years. Last year there were 322 gifts distributed.

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Urgent help needed for African friend

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The past few weeks in Kenya have been more than overwhelming for close to 100,000 people, who have been displaced due to days of torrential downpours.

Twenty-four people have died as a result and the flood has caused widespread destruction to the country's infrastructure.

For Karra Wesley and others who know Aggrey Omondi of Ugunja, Kenya, the tragedy is far closer than first thought.

"He's living that right now. I can't just go about my day and not take time to do something," she said.

Omondi visited the Highlands this past summer looking for information and a partnership to help his community and the St. Paul Mundindi Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre. Wesley invited Omondi because of a long-standing relationship with her mother.

Wesley added he is not a person to ask for help, but has sent an email asking for



**Whenever I think I have it bad,
I really don't**

— Karra Wesley

assistance in replacing all the things lost to the flood.

"I think they should know, as we're going into Christmas that our guest, Aggrey from Ugunja, Kenya that he was here. You may have seen him around. You may have been fortunate enough to have met him. His community has been hit by floods and displaced and if you can do anything to help, please, go to their website (www.ugunja.org)," she said. Donations can be made online at the website.

Wesley said sending anything physically is not recommended since it is likely to be

stolen before it reaches the community.

"Aggrey I trust very much. My family has known him for years so I know that any penny goes into helping his community," she said.

What is all the more saddening was that all the school materials he took over given to him by people and community groups from here have been lost to the floods.

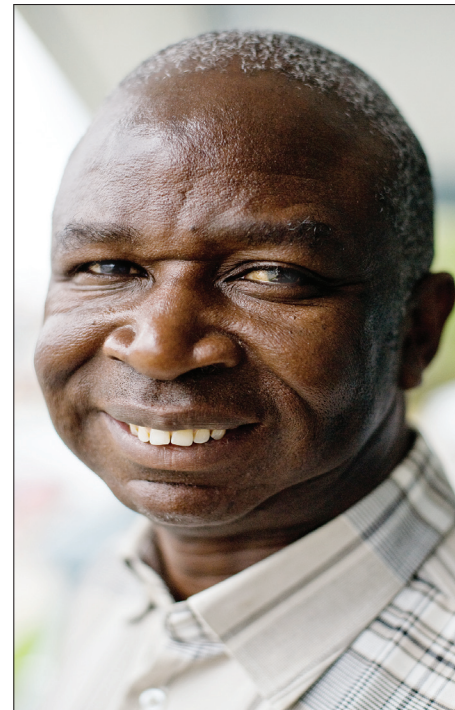
"If even a dollar [is donated] ... because a dollar to us isn't much, but to them it is like \$10, right," she said. "If everybody throws like a buck or so it'll really help them."

She has added information to the wall of the Facebook page, Languages Haliburton, and includes a photo album, There's a World Outside Your Window, showing the destruction through photos taken of Omondi's community.

"Whenever I think I got it bad I really don't," Wesley said.

Darren Lum Staff

Aggrey Omondi is seeking help to deal with the flooding that has left Kenya under water.



Wilberforce enters annual Hockeyville competition

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Wilberforce is vying to host an NHL pre-season game in 2012.

The Highlands East hamlet is one of many entries in the CBC Kraft Hockeyville competition that brings NHL teams to the winning community.

Along with hosting a pre-season game, qualified entries could win \$100,000 in arena upgrades as well as a *Hockey Night in Canada* broadcast from their community.

Now in its sixth season, the competition, centres around communities expressing their passion for ice hockey.

Wilberforce is one of 42 qualified entries in the competition to date, with more than 150 unqualified entries also

included in the contest.

To enter the competition a story and image of a community arena must be submitted for consideration.

Highlands East Councillor Steven Kauffeldt was given the idea to enter Wilberforce's arena by his wife Heather.

When Kauffeldt went to the competition's website he was pleased to see the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena was already listed as an entry.

"Somebody had already signed us up and I have no idea who did it," said Kauffeldt.

To qualify the entry, Kauffeldt uploaded a story and photo of the arena to the official contest website.

The Wilberforce entry now has three members and is hoping for more support along the way.

"It really is all about community support," said Kauffeldt.

The municipal councillor is confident Wilberforce would make a great location to host the winning game.

Those who are interested in lending their support can do so by visiting www.krafthockeyville.cbc.ca.

Entries are narrowed down to the top five and the winner is announced in April 2012. In past years the remaining finalists have won \$25,000 in arena upgrades.

The winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2011 was Conception Bay, Nfld.

Angelica Blenich Staff

The Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, located in Wilberforce, was recently entered in Kraft Hockeyville 2012.

The CBC-run contest selects an arena from a community in Canada to host an NHL pre-season game and is awarded \$10,000 in arena upgrades.



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Jai Delacruz of The Victoria Secrets and Amelia Edmunds, who sings on Carl Dixon's new album *Snow*, smile for Tammy Rea, right, of Highland Media Arts at a Christmas concert held at McKecks Dec. 15.



Jenn Watt Staff

Jeff Kieley led a few songs during the Christmas concert put on by Carl Dixon at McKecks.

A Dixonian Christmas

Carl Dixon and his many friends from across the community came together to provide an evening of holiday fun at McKecks Thursday, Dec. 15.

While dozens of local musicians strummed, hummed and belted out tunes from Dixon's newest album *Snow*, money and toys were collected for the 4Cs food bank.

See page 18 for more about the donation.



Ian Pay plucks his bass in time with the rest of the Jeff Kieley Trio at Carl Dixon and Friends Christmas Concert. Musicians who performed on Dixon's new album, *Snow*, were invited to play for the packed house. Money raised went to the 4Cs food bank

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Concert nets \$1,150 for 4Cs

Local singer/songwriter Carl Dixon, front left, presents \$1,150 and a number of unwrapped toys to Paul Cornish, vice-chair of the 4Cs board of directors on Dec. 16 in Haliburton Village.

The money and toys were donated by those who attended Dixon's concert *Snow* at McKecks on Dec. 15, where the musician performed songs from his recently released Christmas album.

"I'm proud to be able to contribute to the community," said Dixon.

He was assisted in the donation by students from the adult learning centre, who also performed at McKecks with their group The Victoria Secrets.

"It's important to the students to give back," said Greg Shantz, a teacher at the centre.

From back left, Daya Sweet, Jai Delacruz, Donald Murdoch, Jordan DesRoches, Gervais Joseph, Kenny Adams, Greg Shantz and Connor Davies.

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Pioneering comes to life for SBES

Stuart Baker Elementary School hosts the annual Pioneer Days event for its Grade 3 students, capping off the Life and Times of Early Settlers social studies unit, which includes a pioneer project and pioneer fair. There were 68 students from three Grade 3 classes (two English and one French immersion) who moved between eight activity stations that provided interactive education such as candle-making, games, school and pioneer baking practices. There were 17 parent volunteers, who are invaluable to the event.



Clockwise, from top left, Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3 student Carson Phillips puts his entire body into shaking the container to make butter while peer Aaron Bellefleur looks on; Grade 3 student Tim Turner wears the dunce cap, illustrating what happens to a student when they misbehave; Joe Boice reactions to balancing four balancing act toys on a line of thread; Lily Austin-Moore put her best pioneer look forward for the annual Pioneer Days event hosted at the school on Friday, Dec. 16.

Photos by Darren Lum

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Standings	Name	Points	Standings	Name	Points
1	Rob Reid	541	71	Lyle Donaldson	459
2	Desroche	536	72	Ed Dart	458
3	David Dollo	532	73	Chase Heinemann	457
4	Bruno Campagnolo	529	74	Cameron Bradley	457
5	Marcia Bell	526	75	Jacob Bishop	456.75
6	Ferne Taylor	522	76	Robert McIvor	454.25
7	Blake Wood	519	77	Jane Duchene	453.75
8	Denniella Rivard	516	78	Frank Darroch	453.25
9	Melissa White	515.25	79	Paul Cameron	452
10	Cody Martin	514	80	Rick Cazabon	452
11	Glenn Hall	514	81	Nancy Luke	450.25
12	Jame Alden	514	82	David Douglas	450
13	Ron Sedley	513	83	Billy Walker	450
14	Dale Robinson	512	84	Maie Arike	449.75
15	Ryan Hall	512	85	Donald MacMillan	449
16	Dave Moss	511	86	Diane Peacock	448
17	Dave Luke	509	87	Rhonda Shaw	447
18	Eric Schuster	508.25	88	Jim Winn	447
19	Andrew Hall	504	89	Emile Duchene	447
20	Joan Bell	503	90	Ethan Carl	445.25
21	Ray Downs	502	91	Rick West	443
22	Darrell Gilbert	502	92	Johnathan Preestwich	442.75
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26	Jonathan Sharpley	498	96	Andrew Carmount	440
27	Scott LaRue	497	97	Pat Marshall	436.75
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30	Tom Marshall	496	100	Jamie Pritchard	432.25
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33	Rod Bell	494	103	Jordan Hamilton	432
34	Ed Copeland	492	104	Dave Taylor	431
35	Hunter Bishop	491	105	Jeff Barry	430.25
36	Norm Bottum	490	106	Brian Moore	429
37	Cheryl Smith	489	107	Dwight Thomas	429
38	Blake Paton	487	108	Al Lauchlan	428
39	Jaydon Wood	487	109	Dianne Parish	426
40	Jeff Burk	485	110	Mark Vasey	425
41	Ray Lymer	484	111	Jamie Little	424
42	Helen Burk	483.75	112	Dave Prestwich	422
43	Morgan Gadway	483	113	Nick Kulas	420
44	Ian Kemp	479	114	Andrew McGill	419.75
45	Tyler Martin	479	115	Sherry Denboer	418.25
46	Jim Chase	479	116	Margie Prestwich	417
47	Grenville Barry	478	117	Daniel Rivard	414.75
48	Steve Bell	478	118	Glen Jewett	413.25
49	Pat Barry	477	119	Alex T. Little	413
50	Spence Elvins	476	120	Joanne Hanna	411.25
51	Shannon Robertson	474.75	121	Gerald Sharp	410.25
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Show and tell

Top left, recent blacksmith graduate Roy Brown, right, shows some of his pieces to Rose Cussons at Threshold, a student show and sale, which saw 60 certificate students from the fall semester of Fleming College show and sell their work on Dec. 17. Prior to this past fall, Brown had never tried blacksmithing before, and said he absolutely loved the program.

Bottom left, Crowds mingle through the Great Hall at Fleming College to take in the show and sale.

Below, ceramics graduate Hana Schweighardt enjoys a laugh as she proudly displays and sells pieces she created this past fall.



Visitors check out some of the blacksmith pieces on display at Threshold, a student show and sale at Fleming College. The show featured a variety of artwork including painting, pottery and blacksmith pieces. Admission to the show was free.

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High school secretary retires after lengthy career

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She's been described as a ball of energy.

June Smith may be many things, but regretful she is not.

After a career in education that spans more than 40 years and three school boards, the head secretary of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be putting down her pen for the last time at the end of this year.

Set to retire from HHSS on Dec. 31, Smith looks back on her career with both satisfaction and pride.

Smith, 65, has worked at HHSS for 16 years and with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for 20.

"My whole career has been in education," she said.

That career began in 1965 when Smith, 19 at the time, went and worked at the high school she had attended as a student, Weston Collegiate.

Shortly after she began working there, the school amalgamated with the Toronto District School Board.

Smith grew up in the west end of Toronto and worked as a secretary and an educational assistant for many years before taking an extended leave that lasted 13 years.

"When I got pregnant with my first child you weren't allowed to work in a school and be pregnant and showing," she said.

As a result, Smith had to leave work upon reaching her fourth month of pregnancy.

"I was 21, perfectly healthy and I couldn't work," she said, adding she did not receive maternity leave at the time.

Smith went on to have two more children before returning to work when her third child, Jenna, started kindergarten in 1980.

Upon her return she joined the Peel District School Board, working there until 1985, when Smith made what she called a "huge, life-altering move."

"We came to Haliburton County," she said.

Her husband, John, purchased Beech View Cottage Resort, located in Minden, and moved the family, including a five-month-old son named Norman, up to the Highlands.

Smith stayed home with her young son until it was time for him to go to school.

"When he began school I did too."

The next few years were spent working with the TLDSB as a supply before an opportunity in 1992 came up.

"I went to work in a three-part job that included mornings working at Gooderham Elementary School, afternoons at the library in the high school and Fridays I worked with students on literacy in the special ed. class at the high school."

Over the years the structure of her job changed, with Smith eventually working afternoons at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

Smith describes the experience at the elementary school as "awesome."

"A big byline that Trillium Lakelands uses is character education. Well, I always thought I worked with characters in education at JDH," she said.

Former coworkers include her dear friends Penny Obee and Judy Pergolis.

In 1995 Smith was granted the opportunity to join HHSS full-time as head secretary.

Working under former HHSS principal Gary Brohman for many of those 16 years, Smith looks back at her time with him fondly.

"I missed him terribly when he left," Smith said of Brohman's retirement in 2010.

She described her working relationship with Brohman as "peas and carrots."

"One time we were being audited here and we had to see the superintendent separately about our job and did we like each other. Gary and I both said we're like an old married couple, we get the job done, we don't always get



Angelica Blenich Staff

Head secretary of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School June Smith is preparing for her retirement at the end of this year. Smith has been with HHSS for 16 years and with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for 20. She has spent over 40 years working in the education system.

along."

Brohman shares similar sentiments.

"She has a contagious smile and enthusiasm every day that everyone gravitates towards," he said.

Working together for 15 years, Brohman said it was Smith's ability to multitask and look after everyone that made her a valuable part of school life.

"Her greatest gift is that she multitasks without one ounce of knowing that you're putting her out. She runs from her computer in the middle of working on an accounting document to put a Band-Aid on some girl's little toe."

The retired principal compared Smith to a historic female figure, adding she will be greatly missed following her retirement.

"It's her willingness to be Mother Teresa every day. There's no great things in the world, there's only small things done with great love."

Smith credits much of her lust for life and her job to her late father.

A gifted student throughout high school, Smith's teachers encouraged her parents to enroll her in university.

"My dad said to them we're sending her for some secretarial training, she will only get married and have a family. She will not be working long and I'm not investing," said Smith.

Despite her father's reluctance, Smith poured herself into her career.

"I turned that energy inward and I became the best darn secretary I could be."

For Smith, the reward has been long lasting and full of memories.

"I just love what I do, I'm such a keener. I get energy from opening the doors ... as soon as you get here you never know what you're going to get."

Looking to the future, Smith believes the transition to her retirement will be a tough one, but is looking forward to spending more time with her kids and grandchildren, of which she has four with one on the way.

There will be many benefits to retired living, including taking a holiday in November or extending weekend visits to see her children, she said.

"I'm past the point of wanting cannonballs in the pool, if

I get away I want a little relaxation."

Once retired Smith also plans to spend more time and energy with various volunteer commitments, including a position on the board of directors of Point in Time and involvement with the Highlands Music Festival.

"I'm also very passionate about theatre, I'm going back next summer to work in a volunteer capacity with the Highlands Summer Festival," she said.

Being a volunteer in the community is Smith's way of giving back to the amazing place she calls home.

"I believe in my heart I still have a lot left to give."

Smith will join her husband who has been retired since selling the resort they owned 12 years ago.

"It will be wonderful to slow the pace down."

However even with the many benefits retirement brings, Smith knows she will miss the place she calls her second home.

"I know it will be tough to leave this bunch. They are family, there's no question about it. It's bigger than just a job," she said.

Two years ago Smith was recognized by TLDSB with an Impact Award, an honour she was overwhelmed by.

"I treat my job with respect. I know I'm lucky to have it. I'm very grateful for that."

She credits her husband with providing much of the energy she can dedicate to her job.

"He's a big player. He's there supporting me, making my lunches, having dinner ready ... it makes me able to do what I do."

Smith is proud of the work she has accomplished during the past few decades.

"Working in a small community, there's so much feedback on the street. That's what keeps you motivated."

Once during her career Smith tried to leave education, deciding to put in an application at a new company in Bramalea.


It was during the interview process Smith was met with some not so surprising news.

"They said to me, you know June, you belong in education."

She never wavered again.



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Snoozie's first Christmas

A Christmas poem for children

By Alex Hamilton-Brown

Snoozie was a dormouse,
Who slept all winter long.
He never got a Christmas gift,
Or sang a Christmas song.

But early one November
Snoozie's mole friend, Edward Grey
Was shocked when Snoozie asked him
"Wake me up on Christmas Day."

"I know I might be sleepy,
But I truly want to know
What Christmas Day is really like,
Especially if there's snow."

So at nine on Christmas morning
Edward went to Snoozie's nest.
He poked at Snoozie's tummy,
Trying not to be a pest.

It took quite a bit of poking,
Then waking with a yawn
Snoozie gave two little sneezes
And asked: "What's going on?"

"It's Christmas Day!" said Edward.
"You told me in November
To be sure to wake you up...
Perhaps you don't remember?"

"Oh yes" ... said Snoozie dreamily
And dropped back into a doze.
So Edward tried some smelling salts
Right under Snoozie's nose.

The peppery smell made Snoozie
Leap from his winter bed.
It cleared the winter sleepiness
Right out of Snoozie's head.

He dusted down his coat
And brushed away the straws.
"Now I'm awake," he said to the mole,
"I wish to meet Santa Claus."

"Oh I'm sure that won't be possible,"
Said Edward with a sigh.
"Santa will be well on his way by now
Across the winter sky."

"But there's snow on the ground up
above
And down by Bill Badger's tree,
Our friends are preparing a feast,
Of nuts and fruits and sweet-honey-tea."

With a woolly scarf around his neck,
Snoozie skipped through the tunnels
below.
Then soon they were in the forest,
All covered in white fluffy snow.



Illustrated by Alex Hamilton-Brown

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Snoozie was a special dormouse

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"Look who has joined us for Christmas!"
Edward called to the animals there.
"Merry Christmas!" they called out to Snoozie;
"Oh, it's Snoozie!" Snorted old Billy bear."

The squirrels were singing and dancing,
And Snoozie soon joined in the fun;
There were jigs and reels and waltzes,
And laughter from everyone.

Then all of a sudden they heard a sound
That made them stop their dancing.
There were sleigh bells jingling in the air,
And the sound of reindeer prancing.

Everyone turned in astonishment,
They couldn't believe their eyes.
"It's Santa!" They cried out together,
And for Snoozie, the best-ever surprise.

When the reindeer stopped by
Badger's tree

Santa jumped down from his sleigh,
"Merry Christmas my children," called Santa,
"You're my last call this Christmas Day."

When Santa gave out his presents
To the animals large and small,
There wasn't one for Snoozie,
But he didn't mind that at all.

Then Santa came over to Snoozie,
His face beaming with joy.
"So you wished to join us for Christmas!
That's a wonderful wish, my boy.

"I am guessing, you might like a present?"
Said Santa, "Am I right?"
Then Snoozie shyly lowered his head
And said, "Oh yes, em ... indeed ... I might."

Then Santa placed a tiny box,
In Snoozie's little paws.
It was Snoozie's very first Christmas gift,
And he couldn't guess what it was.

When Snoozie opened his present,
Imagine his surprise,
To find the cutest mini-camera...
He could hardly believe his eyes.

"It's been a long night," called out Santa,
"And I'm hungry as a bear."
Surrounded by squirrels and rabbits,
He tucked into his Christmas fare.

When the Christmas feast was over,
And Santa, full of good cheer,
Had a merry twinkle in his eye,
As he whispered in Snoozie's ear:

"You're a very special dormouse,
And I'm very glad to say,
Welcome, little Snoozie,
To your first Christmas Day."



The love of Christmas

By Ev Stata

I love those brilliant coloured lights
That shine as far as we can see,
I love those carols sung in tune
Around the Christmas tree.

I love the snow muffled sidewalks
For shopping on Christmas Eve,
And jolly Greetings tossed back and forth
In those shops we hate to leave.

I love those gaily-wrapped parcels
Heaped under the glittering tree
'Cause I know at least a few of them
Are meant for only me.

I love those Church bells ringing clear
Across the frosty sky
That tell of God's most wondrous love
That's here for you and I.

I love to see the whole family
Gathered around Christmas spread
And father saying the blessing,
Thanking him for our daily bread.

I love the whole season of Christmas
And all of the things we do
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Wondering about Winkeldorf

➤ *German student recalls Christmas past while living at the Haliburton Forest*

By Darren Lum

For Florentin Jaeger, Christmas usually starts well before Christmas Eve.

Here for just five months, the 26-year-old is completing a forestry internship at the Haliburton Forest and will just have to wait for Christmas a little longer.

Jaeger, a third-year student from the University of Rottenberg, comes from the small village of Winkeldorf, Germany, in the region of Lower Saxony. Jaeger said this is mostly a Protestant north region which is reflected in its customs, as Germany is composed primarily of Catholics and Protestants. He describes his hometown as a relatively flat area compared to the Highlands.

When he was a child Jaeger believed in Christkind who is a Christmas eve visitor, different from Santa Claus.

In German Santa is called Weihnachtsmann, or Father Christmas.

"When we were young children we believed in the 'Christkind' rather than the 'Nikolaus,' he said.

Christkind translates literally to Christ Child in English and brings gifts to children.

Nikolaus was a man born in the port city of Patara now known as Turkey. He later became the Bishop of Myra and the patron saint of children, sailors, students, teachers and merchants. There are several miracles tied to him and his feast day is Dec. 6.

As children, Jaeger and his friends put their boots outside their door on Nikolaus Day (Dec. 6) in hopes they would be filled with sweets (if good) instead of twigs (if bad).

He said no one ever got twigs despite being "little devils at times."

This year's celebration began on Nov. 27.

Referred to as the first advent, it is repeated four times, every Sunday until the last Sunday before Christmas.

"Fir garlands [like a wreath] with four candles are made for this, called 'Adventskranz'. The first advent, one candle is lit, the second advent, two candles are lit and so on, until all four candles burn on the fourth advent ... after that is then the first Christmas day," he said in an email.

Many traditions observed in North America originated in Germany such as the Christmas tree, ornaments and wooden nutcrackers.

"In preparation for Christmas Eve, in German called Heiligabend, me and my family decorate our Christmas tree with hay figures.

"For example, angels and glass spheres [are put on] before the first advent. We also clip candles on the Christmas tree (real candles) and cut this tree (Abies Nordmanniana) from a nearby Christmas tree plantation.

"The price is around 30 euros. Normally at around six o'clock we start to sing traditional Christmas songs like for example, *O Tannenbaum* or *Stille Nacht- Heilige Nacht*."

When he was younger, he said, "me and my brother used to play our flutes to these songs. After this we go back into the kitchen until our father or mother rings a glass bell and we are allowed to re-enter the living room, where the Christmas presents are displayed under the Christmas tree."

Every present is then given to the receiver by the donor, one at a time.

"On Christmas day (Weihnachtstag) and the day after, we usually ate the leftovers from the goose and visit our friends.

"My university in Germany celebrates a Forest- Christmas (Waldweihnacht) every year. For this they light up a path with Swedish torches, that winds up on a mountain



Darren Lum Staff

Florentin Jaeger, who is visiting Canada for the first time in his life, shares his German Christmas experience. Jaeger is completing an internship at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

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What Christmas is like in Germany

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plateau where there is a small hut.

"The students and teachers gather there and the hunting horn group of the university plays a few songs. Little snacks and mulled wine are served," he said.

"Every city in Germany has a Christmas market, the most famous one is the *Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt*. We used to go to these markets every December."

Although Germans put an effort into buying special gifts, the same rush and anxiousness to shop in North America is non-existent, he said.

The meal times, he said, are his favourite parts of the season and the main dinner would follow the exchange of gifts.

Popular drinks and snacks are mead (met) and gingerbread (lebkuchen).

Jaeger plans on visiting with a cousin and his family in Toronto for Christmas, which will include a traditional German Christmas dinner that often features a goose.

He arrived in North America for the first time in his life Sept. 1 and will leave Canada at the end January.

Jaeger will spend his last month on the continent travelling the southwest United States, starting in Phoenix, Arizona.

*The *Echo* recognizes there are many more traditions that are observed omitted, but focused on the traditions observed by Florentin Jaeger.

Molly's holiday truffles

12 ounces semi sweet chocolate—coarsely chopped or broken into pieces (2+ cups)
1 cup whipping cream
2 TBL butter
1 cup cocoa powder (sifted)
8 ounces semi sweet chocolate—coarsely chopped in food processor
2 TBL shortening

Grind 12 ounces of chocolate in food processor
Bring cream to a boil in a small saucepan over medium heat
Add cream to chocolate in food processor and process until smooth—about 10-15 seconds
Add butter to warm ganache process for another 10 seconds

Transfer to medium bowl and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight

Put cocoa powder in a large bowl

Using two teaspoons, scoop out heaping teaspoon of the truffle mixture, or use a one-ounce disher (ice cream scoop) and drop them on a sheet with parchment paper

Drop them into the cocoa and roll the coated truffles into the shape of a ball—or close to it.

Return to refrigerator.

Gentle melt the 8 oz of semi sweet chocolate and

shortening in a double boiler of a heatproof bowl over a pot of simmering hot water.

Remove from stove and using your fingers or a couple of forks and coat the truffles with the melted chocolate.

Serve at room temperature.

Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

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Snowflakes are ice crystals that form in the clouds. Water vapor freezes and clings to the dust particles in the air. As the crystals group together, they form snowflakes.

Snowflakes are hexagonal crystals, meaning they always have six sides. Snowflakes can grow in different forms, including columns, needles, plates, dendrites, columns with plates, and irregular shapes. Complex shapes emerge as the flake moves through differing temperatures and humidity levels.

When snowflakes melt and refreeze they may come down from the sky in the form of a ball instead of a flake. These are known as graupel.

Snowflakes are unique in that no two are the same. Because they are ice crystals, they are also clear in color. However, when gathered on the surface of roadways or other items, they collectively reflect the light and give off that white hue.

A snowflake is often the universal symbol for winter or wintertime conditions. In Russia, people have long made paper snowflakes during the Christmas season and hung them in the windows. A snowflake also was the symbol of the winter olympics in 2002.

Although snowflakes are cold, snow can actually act as an insulator. The intricate shapes of snowflakes trap air in between the flakes as they pile up. These tiny pockets of air prevent air from circulating, thus preventing heat from being transferred by convection.



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*May your holiday season be filled
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Bill and Freda Davis

The good side of snow ...

By Ev Stata

Don't tell me that it's snowing again!
Why the weatherman said it was going to rain
You can't depend on him at all
He said there wouldn't be much snow a way last fall.

But now it snows and snows and snows
It freezes your feet and tingles your nose
It clogs up the road where you want to go
And ices your car, to scrape it off, what a woe.

And you hate to walk for the slope on the street
To get through the puddles you need webbed feet.
You want skis to get over the snowplow cones

And then you're afraid you'll break some bones.

But what about that cost of ice on the trees
That glitters and twinkles in the quickening breeze?
And last week that fairyland of snow
That creased every branch and twig, what a show!

And what about the skier who heads for the hills
And the youngster whose sled gives him thrilling spills
And the Skidoor who loves our well-groomed trails
And cross-countryers who stride our lakes and dales

Well, we have to admit there's beauty in the snow
And when spring thaw comes and there's mud to be had
We'll admit that the snow
Is not all that bad.

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Bringing light to the darkness of winter

By Darren Lum

She admits she is not entirely religious.

However, for Sheila Ziman, who grew up in the Toronto area, the food and time with family is a time-honoured tradition during Hanukkah.

Every year the celebration, also known as the celebration of lights, is held on a different date, as it follows the lunar calendar, she said.

The eight-day celebration is based on the reclamation of the temple in Jerusalem after the Seleucid Greeks defiled it. It honours the miracle that occurred when the Maccabees (ancient Jews) managed to make a day's worth of oil last eight days during the process of purifying the temple after the desecration.

Despite the cultural nature of the celebration, Ziman sees it with a more universal perspective.

"For me, it's all about religious freedom that people all around the world should have the freedom to practice the religion that they want to," she said.

On the first night the menorah has a candle placed and lit at the shammus, including a place furthest to the right of that candle. One candle is added to the menorah each night.

Blessings are made over the menorah while holding the candle to light the other candles, which is performed from right to left. By the end of the eight nights, the entire menorah is lit. The menorah is usually placed in front of a window.

There is also added symbolism for Ziman when the menorah is first lit.

"You know the seasons will change and spring will come. The days will get longer and life goes on," she said.

Despite receiving just one gift, which was less than the nightly offering to children by other families, Ziman still liked receiving and eventually giving when she got older.

"My fondest experience of course was getting gifts. Being with the family, being with all my cousins and opening the gifts and seeing what everyone else got was as much fun as kind of seeing what I got. Also, giving gifts to special people [was fulfilling]," she said.

The gift custom also included a bag of milk chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil, which is the modern incarnation of the Hanukkah *gelt* (money in Yiddish) that was used to create the pot (of currency) used in playing dreidel – a children's game where players take turns spinning a four-sided top and then act according to the directions of what side turns up. The options include "Nes," nothing, "Sham," add, "Haya," get half the pot and "Gadol," get everything.

Usually her family was scattered so the event was truly unifying, bringing everyone together, she remembers.

Unlike some other Jewish families, who attend ceremonies at temple, the Zimans kept things pretty simple and kept the event to family dinners.

Years later the simplicity continues for Ziman, who has recently moved her mother to the Minden retirement home, Hyland Crest.

As part of the observance of Hanukkah, she will be lighting the menorah and cooking latkes, or potato pancakes, for all of the residents at the retirement home on Dec. 27.

Latkes are made from shredded potato and onions. It is one of several dishes traditionally eaten during the eight days. Ziman will offer a side of sour cream or applesauce. The menu for the celebration includes a variety of main dishes such as white fish, roasted chicken and beef brisket.

Ziman adds the menu varies, depending where the celebration would take place and what local influences were present such as how the Jewish people in Europe were different to the Jewish people in the Middle East.


Oil is a focus for most of the dishes.

Although the lighting ceremony is symbolic of good overcoming evil, Ziman receives fulfillment from bringing light to a dark time of the year.

"To see the light at the end of the tunnel. Yes, there is a time for darkness and that's not necessarily a bad time, but the light does come," she said.

This year's celebration starts on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The lighting of the menorah always occurs the night before.





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Try these delicious Hanukkah recipes

Hanukkah is a time for celebration in many Jewish households. This eight-day event presents a week of opportunities to gather around the table and reminisce and also to eat delicious foods.

Family dining is often an integral part of any celebration, whether religious or secular. It is no different for those who are celebrating Hanukkah. To diversify your menu options this year, experiment with these tried-and-true recipes.

Traditional Jewish Chicken Soup

- 1 whole chicken
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 8 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 parsnip, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 bunch fresh dill, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Matzo balls (see below)

Put the chicken in a large stock pot with the breast side down. Fill the pot with enough cold water to reach about 3 inches from the top of the pot. Add the onion, parsnip, carrots, celery, and dill. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cook partially covered for 2 hours. Do not let the soup boil. Skim fat off of the top of the soup and then add the garlic cloves. Partially cover and simmer for another 2 hours to really enhance the flavor.

Strain the broth from the chicken soup. Return the broth to the pot. Remove the bones and skin from the chicken and cut the meat into pieces. Place them into the soup. Add the cooked matzo balls to the broth when serving.

Matzo Balls

- 2 1/2 cups matzo meal

- 6 eggs
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons salt

In a medium bowl, mix together the matzo meal, eggs, oil, salt, and 1/4 cup of the broth from the chicken soup. Refrigerate for about 20 minutes to set up.

Bring a separate pot of water to a rolling boil. Roll the matzo mixture into about 16 balls. Wet your hands to keep the dough from sticking to them. Drop the balls into boiling water, cover, and cook for about 35 minutes.

Holiday Brisket

- 1 8-pound brisket, washed and drained
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup cola soft drink
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1/2 cup honey
- 6 to 8 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 onions
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 4 tablespoons margarine
- 3 tablespoons flour
- salt and pepper

Place the brisket in a roasting pan. Blend all of the seasonings by hand or in a blender and pour over the brisket. Marinate in the refrigerator overnight.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Put the brisket in the oven and cook for approximately four hours, or until a thermometer reads 190 F. Cool the brisket and slice it against the grain. If you do not slice it correctly the meat will be tough.

Reserve some of the brisket drippings. Melt four tablespoons of parve margarine in a saucepan and then slowly stir in a few tablespoons of flour. Cook and stir a few minutes.

Then add the pan drippings and cook until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Serve over the brisket.

Sufganiot

(Hanukkah Doughnuts)

- 1 ounce yeast
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 3 cups flour
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted dash of salt
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 11/4 cups water (room temperature)
- jelly (strawberry is recommended)
- oil for frying (canola is recommended)
- powdered sugar

Combine the first four ingredients in a bowl. Mix well, cover, and wait until it rises. In another bowl, mix three cups of flour with the melted margarine, salt, sugar and egg yolks. Combine the yeast mixture with the flour mixture. Slowly add water while stirring. When batter is smooth, cover the bowl with a towel and let it sit and rise.

After the batter has risen, pour it onto a floured surface and roll out the dough. Use a glass with a small opening to cut out circles of the dough. Place a drop of jelly in the middle of each circle, then cover with another circle of dough. Make sure the two circles adhere together to form a closed ball of jelly. Cover the doughnuts with a towel and let rise again.

Heat oil in a deep pot until very hot. Drop the doughnuts into the oil and fry on both sides until brown. Remove with a slotted spoon and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve immediately as these doughnuts taste best fresh.

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Why I love Christmas cards! I love to get them, I love to give them, and I love to think about who sent them to me. And of all the Christmas cards ol' Maybelle has ever received, there's one that stands out from all the rest, don'tcha know.

Now I get funny Christmas cards every day by email. Like Santa shaking his hiney at me ... Rudolph winking and then his nose exploding ... and Mrs. Santa flying high over rooftops in an old Chevy convertible with Brad

Pitt in the driver's seat.

Why, they make me laugh so hard, my middle shakes like Jell-O in a windstorm.

And then there are those interactive pretty e-cards that get you doing things ... like building a snowman who magically comes alive ... then watching Bambi and squirrels pad in and smile up at him ... bluebirds land on Frosty's hat ... bright shiny lights twinkle like starbursts ... and banners wave, wishing you a Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.

And, oh those email videos that stab you in the heart and make you bawl like a hormonal pinball machine that just went TILT! Like the one about the dogsled huskies on an isolated tundra in the far north.

Their master suddenly leaves on a rescue mission and they're left all alone to fend for themselves ... in a BLIZZARD!

So, what do they do? Why they stick together and stay real close to one of their furry pals who looks like he's dying, don'tcha know.

Oh the wind is howling and the snow is blowing ... and you can hardly see them at all. But they keep licking him and trying to keep him warm and, well, it just about put ol' Maybelle in the fetal position.

Especially when their master comes back, finds the pooch, and sees that there is still some life left in him. Oh his tears are flowing and my tears were flowing. And as

much as I loved that email and sent it on to Vilma Yucch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Twindle Mumbly, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and even Beanpole Starkman ... there's one Christmas greeting that meant more to me than all of them put together.

It came from Bogart just this morning. And being a bear and all, it was presented in a most unusual way.

There he was in the kitchen reaching for the cookie jar. Bogart! I yelled. You know ginger snaps give you indigestion!

But did he listen? Nooooooooooooooooooooo. Before I knew it, he spilled all the cookies on the floor.

Why if ol' Maybelle didn't march over there all huffy-like looking down at the mess at my feet. But it wasn't a mess at all. Bogart had pushed all of those ginger snaps into the shape of a big ol' HEART.

Oh, Bogart, I said, tears filling up my eye sockets. I LOVE YOU, TOO!

Now THAT was the best Christmas greeting I ever received! And that's what Christmas is all about, isn't it? LOVE. Showing it and sharing it with friends, family, neighbours, your Labradoodle, pet turtle or bear ... plus even people you don't know ... like YOU!

Why, I never forget how lucky I am to be able to send all of you reading this right now, ol' Maybelle's wish for Christmas and the New Year. And it goes like this ...

You know, we put lights up on our Christmas trees and houses.

We wear hats and pins that blink on and off like landing fields. They're all pretty and they're all fun. But there's another kind of light that warms our hearts that I'm wishing for you right now.

So, to all of you out there in Holyburton and beyond ... May the light in your house be you!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Listen to "Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkI mean" on 100.9 Canoe FM the second Sunday the month just after 5 p.m. during "Afternoon Delight."



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1 ¾ cups graham wafer crumbs
½ cup ground almonds
1 cup coconut

Melt first three ingredients in top of a double boiler. Add egg and stir to cook and thicken. Remove from heat. Stir in crumbs, coconut and almonds. Press firmly into an ungreased 8" x 8" pan.

Second Layer:

½ cup unsalted butter
2 Tbsp and 2 tsp. cream
2 Tbsp. vanilla custard powder
2 cups icing sugar

Cream butter, cream, custard powder and icing sugar together well. Beat until light. Spread over bottom layer.

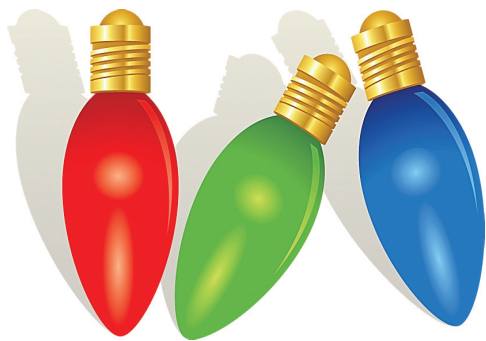
Third Layer:

4 squares semi-sweet chocolate (1 oz. each)
2 tsp. unsalted butter

Melt chocolate and butter over low heat. Cool. When cool, but still liquid, pour over second layer and chill in refrigerator.

Best served at room temperature. Can be frozen. From the United Churches in Canada cookbook *Let's Break Bread Together*

Submitted by Susan Nicholson for Haliburton United Church Women



Provide non-alcoholic options at parties



Alcohol-free drinks are more inclusive and safer choices for people this holiday season

When it comes to staying safe this holiday season, residents may want to raise a glass to a refreshing party drink that provides non-alcoholic cheer.

Mocktails are alcohol-free drinks that can be perfect party beverages for designated drivers, pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, families and anyone looking for an alcohol-free drink, says Laura Danilko, a registered dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"Mocktails are easy to make and can be a great alternative to the usual offerings of pop and juice," she says. "There are many benefits to including mocktails in your holiday celebrations."

For women who are trying to have a baby, pregnant or breastfeeding, health and the safety of the baby are the main reasons to opt for mocktails at a special occasion.

"There is no safe time, no safe amount and no safe type of alcohol to drink during pregnancy," says Danilko. "Drinking any alcohol during pregnancy can cause permanent birth defects and brain damage to the baby."

According to Danilko, serving mocktails at a party can also be a good way to show children that alcohol does not have to be present at a celebration to have fun. Making mocktails with children, and then sharing the drinks with them during a celebration, can also make youngsters feel more included in the holiday festivities, she adds.

Mocktails are also a good option for people who are hosting a holiday party. Serving mocktails to guests can help to prevent over-drinking and other drinking-related problems that could lead to serious injuries, Danilko says.


"There are many mocktail varieties to suit every taste, and they can even be served up with sliced fruits and in fancy cups or glasses to enhance their party feel," she adds.

For more on mocktails and a list of recipes, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca. A Making the Most of Mocktails video is also posted on the health unit's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/HKPRDHU).



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Christmas can be for everyone

By Darren Lum

When it comes to festivals he loves them all.

He may be from India and observe Hindu traditions, but Timir Patel is almost as excited and anxious for Christmas to come as his two-year-old son Shubham.

"It's a festival. Everyone likes a festival. It doesn't matter whose festival it is. It's a festival you have to celebrate," Patel said, laughing.

The landed immigrant from Ahmedabad, India, expects to become a Canadian next year along with his wife Dhara.

He doesn't see why he can't observe Christmas like many other Canadians.

The 2-4-1 Pizza co-owner (with Kalpesh Patel, no relation) cannot help but smile when speaking about the Highlands after moving from Toronto more than a year ago.

"I really love it here. Same as my wife," he said.

The quiet nature and relaxed pace of life here is welcome for the ever-smiling Patel. He revels in the peace and said it is these qualities that remained with him after his first stint here to help his friend, Mehul Patel (no relation, as Patel is a



Darren Lum Staff

The Patel family Dhara, left, stands with son, Shubham and husband Timir on the shoreline of Head Lake in Haliburton. Timir said he is as excited for Christmas as his two-year-old Shubham.

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Holiday Greetings

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Go Wings Go!

Discover Diwali festivities

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common surname like Smith) at Subway restaurant in Haliburton back in 2007.

Patel recently bought an artificial Christmas tree and will place wrapped gifts for his son, who got dressed up and completed a short round of stops at the Haliburton apartment building where they live to trick or treat for Halloween.

As a practising Hindu, Patel said the biggest date on his calendar is reserved for the five-day celebration of Diwali, which was celebrated in October.

The multi-day celebration is also known as the festival of lights when people cast light onto their homes to symbolize the defeat of evil.

Each day is dedicated to worship of a deity. The celebration includes a lot of prayer, food, friends and family. The festival's date varies year-to-year and is determined by the lunar calendar, which is followed to ensure the day of Diwali is held on a night with a moonless sky.

The first day is called *Dhan Trayodashi* or *Dhanteras* when people worship Lord Yamaraj, the god of death. They light a *Yama-Diya* at night and offer prayers to Him. At the end of the day it is also tradition to purchase utensils made of silver.

The second day is *Narak Chaturdashi*, popularly known as *Chhoti Diwali*.

Legend states Lord Krishna killed the demon Narakasur to rid mankind of his fear. People massage the body with oil and bathe. For those that don't observe this tradition there is a belief that they

will go to *Narak* (hell).

The next day is known as *Diwali*, also known as *Badi Diwali*. It is the main day of celebrations when people perform *Lakshmi Pujan*, which is the wor-



It's good to be together and celebrate the festival

— Timir Patel

ship of divine goddess Lakshmi. Prayers are made in the belief that a blessing of wealth and prosperity can be received. Everyone cleans their homes and decorates them with colourful lights while firecrackers are used to express the joy of the occasion.

On the fourth day Hindus worship Lord Govardhan Parat with the fifth day referred to as *Bhai Dooj*, which honours the brother-sister relationship. Brothers will visit with sisters usually for dinner.

During the Diwali, the pizza maker, who could not leave his establishment, made telephone calls to his older brother

and sister and family in India to send greetings for the period of celebration.

Although he didn't fire off any fireworks in Haliburton, his wife made sure to make various traditional sweets such as *kaju katri*, which is a sweet made from cashew nut powder, water, instant non-fat drymilk, cardamom powder and powdered sugar (that has cornstarch).

As far as Patel knowing what's in it, he wasn't entirely sure.

"I just like to eat. I don't go for ingredients," he said. "It's really good. Everybody loves it for sure. It's a favourite."

He adds he may know how to make a good pizza, but leaves most of the cooking to his wife.

During the celebration, people, particularly children, will usually receive envelopes of nominal amounts of money as a symbolic gesture from elders as a blessing for Diwali.

He enjoys being able to spend time with family and friends during Diwali.

"It's good to be together and celebrate the festival," he said.

"It doesn't matter whether you know each other or not, but you have to wish each other well. As soon as you see somebody you have to wish them well. It's part of the culture."

The religion observes many festivals all year. Every month, he said, laughing, there are two or three festivals.

With visits to area friends such as Mehul and Kalpesh, he observed most of the traditions, including prayers to the deities and wearing new clothes.

In Haliburton, the celebrations were of a low-key nature, but he did manage to get away to Belleville for a larger celebration held at a community hall where hundreds attended.

His five-year-old daughter Siddhi, who was born in Canada, has been living with his grandparents in India for the past three years. He expects her to return later this year to rejoin the family in Haliburton.

Like other business merchants, he expects to put up Christmas lights. He adds it's being part of the community to share in the experience of the local celebrations.

"Especially when you live in this country you have to mix yourself with the community. That way you don't feel that alone," he said.

On Christmas, like last year, he'll close the eatery and visit friends here and in Toronto. It is the only day he'll close.

Hinduism is a religion that has its roots in India and has been developing over the course of close to 3,500 years.

The religion has developed and adapted to influences from other religions, which has resulted in the religion being identified more with the common behaviour and practice of its people than to formal beliefs and practices.

It is the third largest world religion after Christianity and Islam.

There are close 300,000 Hindus in Canada according to the 2001 census.

Next year's Diwali will be on Nov. 13.



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Yes, Chad Ingram, there is a Santa Claus!

By Steve Galea

It was nearing Christmas and, throughout the office, the spirit of the season had spread like bed bugs at a used mattress swap. Even senior management had been smitten by it, as was evidenced by their memo proclaiming that all floggings would be suspended until well into the new year.

Despite this, when I looked over at reporter Chad Ingram I immediately sensed that something was amiss. The signs were subtle, but if you knew Chad like I did, you would have seen it too.

"Hey Chad!" I began. "If you don't stop pulling out your hair, you're going to end up on Santa's naughty list."

"Santa?" he yelled. "Are you kidding me? He's not real!" He then proceeded to yank out a second clump of hair. On a side note, this made his armpits look 100 per cent better.

"Santa - not real?" I squealed. "Take that back!"

"I won't because it's true!" he said.

"If it's so true, how come I received my letter from Santa in the mail today, huh?" I said while waving it in the air. "He's giving me that professional-grade whoopee cushion but said no to the bass boat, but

only because of these uncertain economic times."

"Someone is fooling you," he said.

I knew then and there that whatever important work Chad and I had been assigned would have to wait - probably till at least next July.

"Let's go," I said. "I'm going to prove to you that Santa exists."

"No!" he announced. "It's a ridiculous idea and I'll have no part of it."

"Even, if it means that we can goof off for half the morning?"

We had hardly made it out of the building, when we encountered the first tangible proof of Santa's existence - which Chad tripped over.

"It's a Christmas miracle!" I proclaimed.

"What? That I tripped over two plywood elves?"

"No, that you didn't break them!"

I then pointed out that this was also proof of Santa's existence.

"How?" he asked.

"Well, elves exist," I announced, "or must I remind you of the Lord of the Rings

Jenn Watt Staff

Left, Steve points out some Christmas elves to Chad, who is still skeptical about the existence of Santa.



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Wait, elves are real too?

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trilogy, which you and I have watched at least 50 times during working hours."

"Hmmm," he said. "You have a point. The elves in that movie do appear quite real ..."

He was still mulling this over when we stumbled across Santa himself. Or at least a plywood cut-out of him.

"Here," I announced, "is further proof."

"You're asking me to believe in a one-dimensional, stupid looking, poorly dressed, cartoonish character?"

"That's not a nice thing to say about Santa," I said.

"Who said anything about Santa?" he replied.

"Look," I continued. "If elves are real - and I think we've now proven that much - Santa must be. After all, it's well documented that he's a jolly old elf."

"Steve, I might be a cynical, hard-to-convince journalist - but even I can see that this makes sense. The only thing that's stopping me from believing is the chimney thing."

Ah, the chimney thing. It's the matter that every Santa doubter eventually brings up. How, they say, can an overweight man slide it down a chimney to deliver gifts?

Minutes later, as we stood in front of

the fireplace at the Haliburton County Library, I decided to show him how.

"You want me to come down that chimney?" he asked.

"Trust me," I said.

"But there's a fire in it! Not a chance!"

"I guess I'll just have to enjoy those milk and cookies all by myself!"

I still think that Chad wouldn't have gotten stuck if he hadn't eaten them first. I mean, it was a tight fit to begin with.

In any case, after the emergency crews removed him using only gunpowder, a ramrod, a patch and a far off net, Chad was once again filled with skepticism about Santa.

Fortunately, his glasses - and eyes - were also fogged.

Which is why I was able to step in for Saint Nick and use a very sophisticated Santa chair-cover to convince him that Santa truly existed. As we all know.

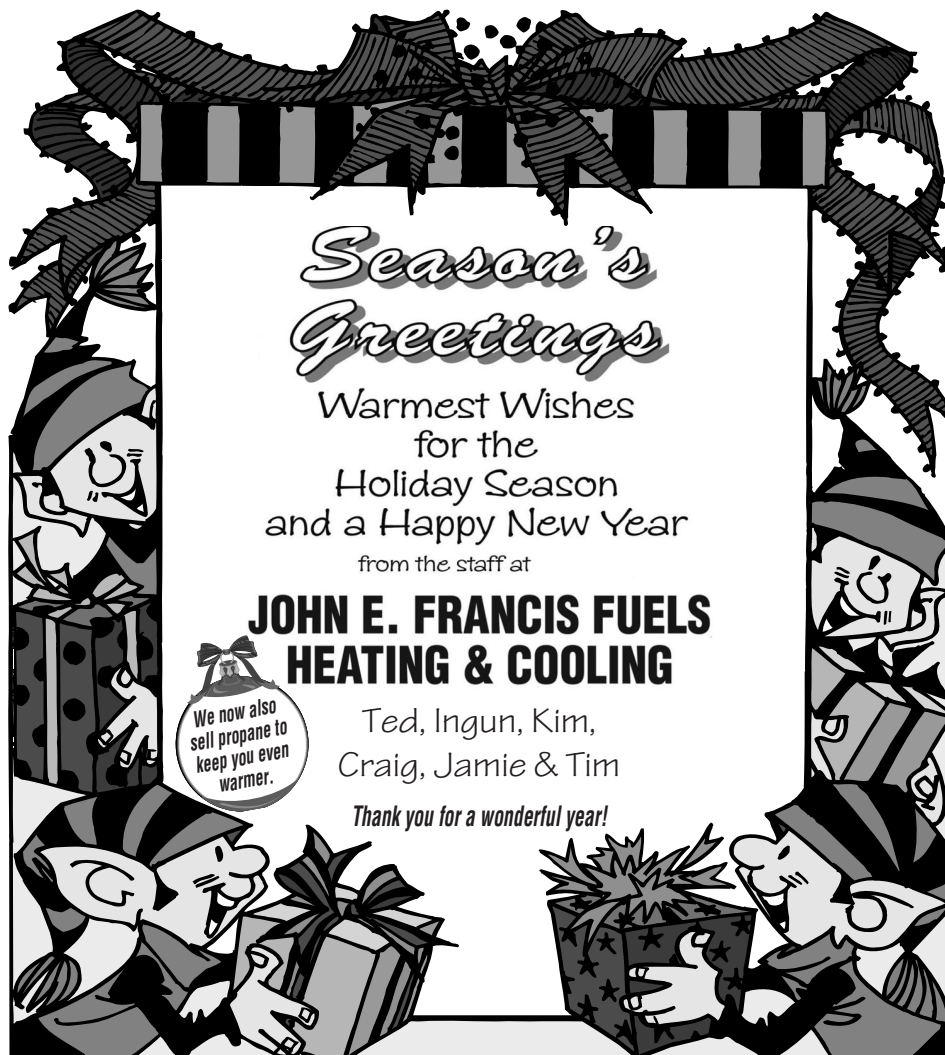
P.S. Santa, I feel a bit bad about this,

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Jenn Watt Staff

Far left, Chad, right, is sure that Santa doesn't exist. Steve brings out a likeness of ol' Saint Nick to bring the point home.





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If elves are real, Santa must be, too

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Jenn Watt Staff

So how does Santa get in and out of buildings? Especially when there is no chimney attached to this fireplace? Chad asks. Steve puts his faith in the magic of Christmas. *continued on page 19*

*...And To All
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Sometimes seeing is believing

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but, then again, it's your busy season so I know you won't mind. Oh, and don't worry about the bass boat. My canoe works just fine. Besides, other people have greater needs. Chad, for instance, could use new glasses.



Jenn Watt Staff

Santa tells Chad a thing or two about Christmas back in his office.

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Living in a winter wonderland

Photos by Mike Baum



Winter can get a little cold - even for fluffy barred owls!

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Frozen ice clings to the rock face on a sunny winter day.



The last glimpse of sunlight settles across the horizon of a frozen Highlands lake.



The sun sets on a partially frozen lake.

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

John 1:29

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The Nutcracker 2011

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Heritage Ballet again staged The Nutcracker at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Dec. 10 and 11.



Marie, played by Loretta Kerr, in a more intimate scene when the Nutcracker, played by Gustavo Rojas, comes to life.



The land of snow filled with snowflakes, a queen and unicorns.



Snow Queen Jessica Mooney floats across the stage.

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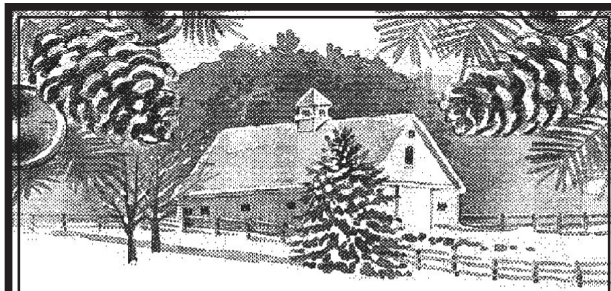


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Behind the scenes at The Nutcracker

Photos by Tim Tofflemire



Top left: Chicken Abigail Kauffeldt turns the table on two chefs Monique Dulong and Charlotte Paton.

Bottom left: Snowflakes await their turn on stage behind the scenes at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Right: Marie, played by Loretta Kerr, gets some help putting on her dance slippers backstage.



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Gingerbread contest winners 2011



Congratulations to McTeague Electric who placed first in the gingerbread contest put on by the Haliburton Rotary Club over a one-week period. McTeague's house featured a Fruit Roll-up covered wagon, a horse in a manger and a decorated tree. Photo by Jenn Watt

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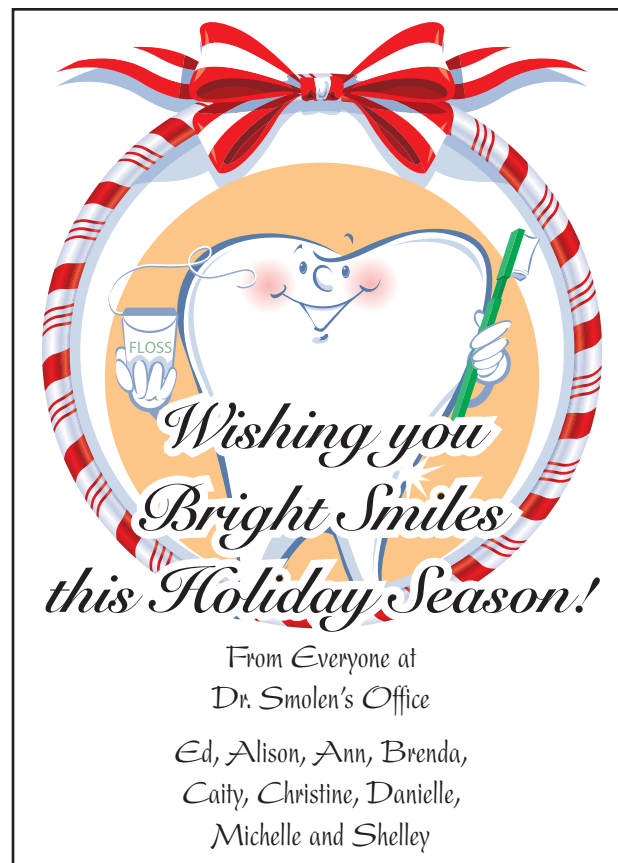
Congratulations to Dr. Smolen who received second place in the gingerbread contest with a winter campfire scene.



Haliburton Foodland placed third with a winter homestead including a candy cane Christmas tree.



Several other businesses participated including, clockwise from top left, Kozy Korner, HHHSF, Stedmans V&S and Moose FM.



Deck the halls with safety



Consider child safety to make the holiday season festive for the entire family

A trip to the hospital emergency room is no one's idea of a happy holiday, and that is why local health officials want families to make child safety part of the festivities.

During the holiday season when children's excitement can cloud their judgment and make injuries more common, it is better to take precautions and avoid potential injuries, according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Each day, approximately 60 children in Canada suffer serious injuries that require a trip to the hospital (Safe Kids Canada). Most injuries to young children occur at home.

"The holidays should be memorable for the decorations, special traditions, family gatherings and presents, not a child's injury," says Mary Lou Mills, a family health nurse with the health unit. "Spending a bit of time 'safe-proofing' your home for children can help ensure it is a happy holiday season for everyone."

Whether it is avoiding holiday hazards around the home or choosing toys that are child-friendly, Mills offers these safety tips:

Toys and Gifts

- Select toys suitable for a child's age. Toys with small parts can be a choking hazard for young children.
- Make sure batteries in toys are properly installed and not accessible to children. Check that the batteries in a toy are in good condition, as old batteries can leak and cause corrosive burns.
- If buying costume jewelry for children, don't pur-

chase items that contain lead or cadmium.

- Avoid choking hazards by disposing of packing materials as soon as presents are unwrapped.

Trees and Decorations

- Secure a holiday tree in a sturdy stand away from doorways and halls. Reduce the risk of fire by keeping the tree away from heating vents, radiators, fireplaces and other heat sources.

- Ornaments that are sharp, breakable, or come with small, removable parts should be kept away from young children.

Hang these ornaments on higher branches of the trees so they are out-of-reach of children.

- Avoid decorations and trimmings that look or smell like food or candy so children are not tempted to put them in their mouths.

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Baked butternut squash with apples and maple syrup

What you'll need:

- 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 pounds butternut squash (about 2 medium), peeled, quartered lengthwise, seeded, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices (about six cups)

- 2 1/4 pounds medium-size tart green apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled, quartered, cored, but crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices (about six cups)

Freshly grated nutmeg

- 3/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, cut into pieces
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook squash in large pot of boiling salted water until almost tender, about 3 minutes. Drain well. Combine squash, apples in 13x9x2-inch glass baking dish. Season generously with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Combine maple syrup, butter and lemon juice in heavy small saucepan. Whisk over low heat until butter melts. Pour syrup over squash mixture and toss to coat evenly.

Bake until squash and apples are very tender, stirring occasionally, about 1 hour. Cool 5 minutes. (Can be made oneday ahead. Cover with foil; chill. Rewarm covered in 350°F. oven about 30 minutes.)—Freezes well.

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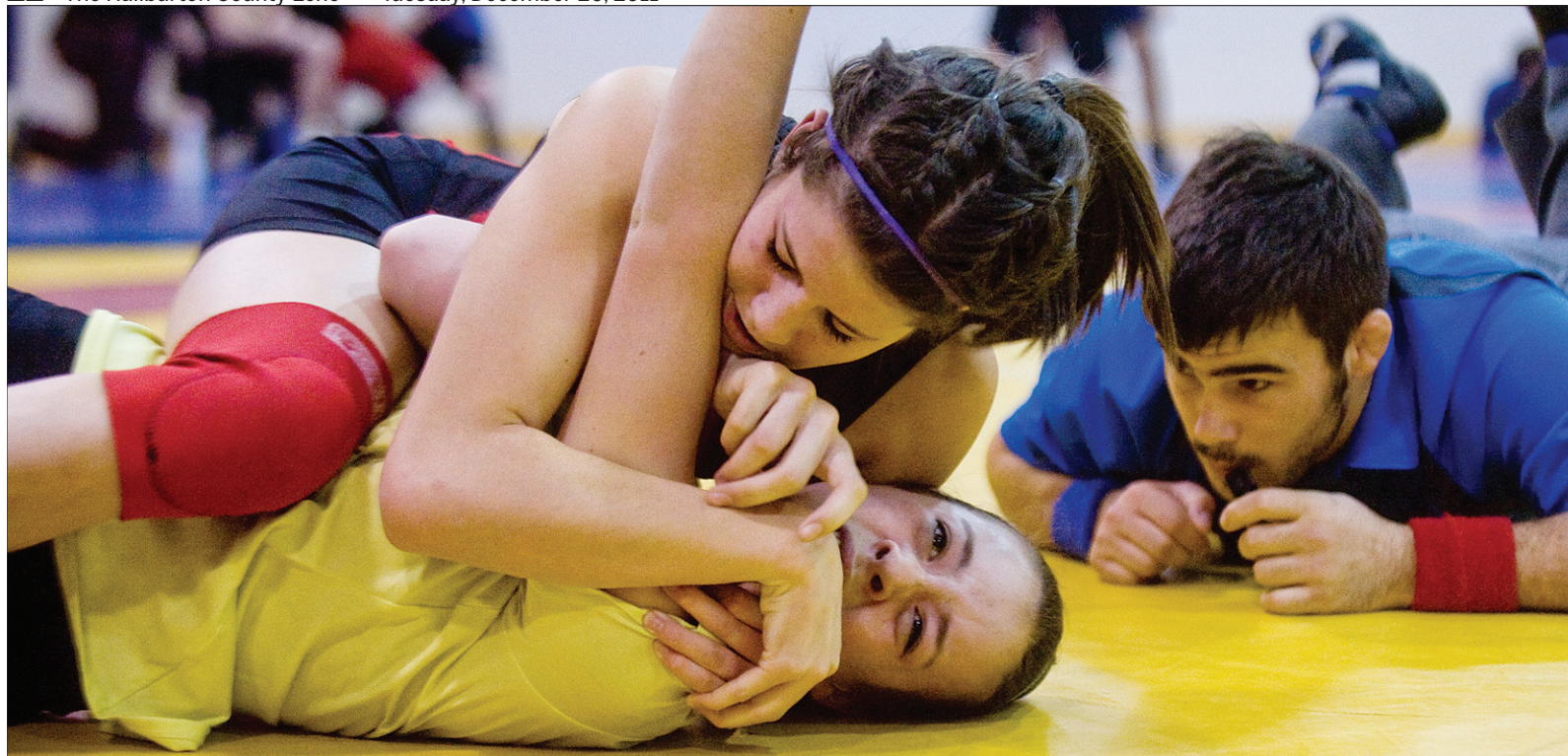
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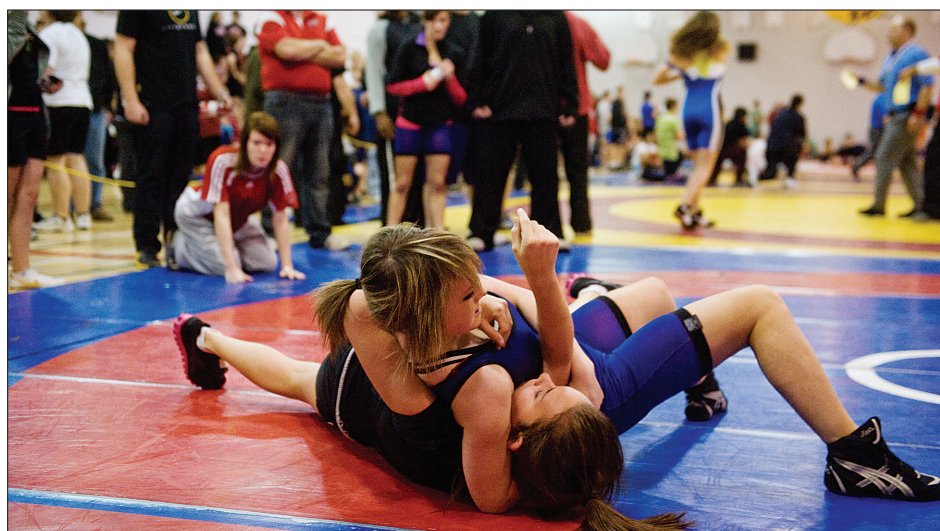
Clockwise, from left, Red Hawks wrestler silver medalist Bailey Walker, top, pushes for the pin against Daniell Work of Cobourg West; gold medalist Cody Cox throws his opponent; silver medalist Nichole Honderich puts the squeeze on; bronze medalist Jenn Woolacott grabs hold during the third annual Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Dec. 16.

Pinning down success

The Red Hawks wrestling team finished with four gold medals at the third annual Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Tournament held at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, Dec. 16. There were 13 medals won by the 21 Red Hawks who competed in the field of 230 wrestlers from 13 schools within Kawartha and Quinte regions. Thirty-six divisions were represented in the daylong event.



Photos by Darren Lum



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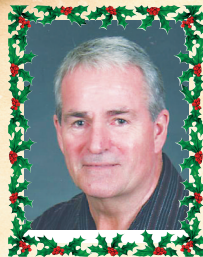
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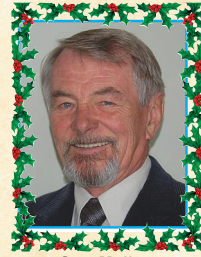
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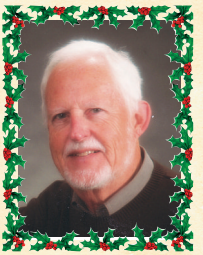
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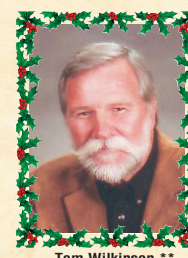
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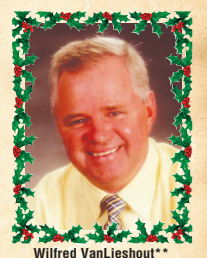
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Lady Hawks on winning roll

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity girls' hockey team came from behind to beat the visiting Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School (TASS) Griffins at Dysart Arena on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

It was a physical game, testing the fortitude of both teams, as players traded hits like heavy weight boxers all over the ice. The Red Hawks overcame a one-goal deficit and prevailed 2-1.

"It's a big game. We still said there are some things we should be doing. I said we had a couple of lazy moments out there, but all-in-all I think we out shot them," coach Dan Marsden said. "They had some chances, but I think we had a few more."

Down 1-0 in the first period, after a goal by Griffins' player Nicole Webb, Haliburton drew even in the second period when centre Sam Tallman scored in close, which was assisted by linemate Erin Little.

With 9:31 left in the third period, Hawks' defence-man Juila Fedeski completed a stretch-pass from deep in the defensive end to hit a streaking Tallman in full stride, who picked up the pass, skated to the net with a defender draped on her back and slid the backhand past Griffins goalie Makayla Albert for the eventual game-winner.

Marsden credits Albert, Griffins' goalie, for keeping her team in the game with timely saves, including the penalty shot in the third period against Tallman.

Haliburton remains undefeated through three games in the six-game regular season.

The Griffins entered play 1-1 on the season and recently



Darren Lum Staff

The Lady Hawks players celebrate the eventual game-winner Julia Fedeski, right, who started the play with a stretch pass, Sam Tallman, who finished the play with the goal. Jessica Duchene, Kate Denniston and Alex Litwin during the home game against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

lost to the Lady Hawks next opponents, the Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute (ASCVI) Lions, and will play them on Dec. 21.

Hawks' goalie Connor Marsden saw action for the first time this season and was steady for the game, earning her first HHSS win. Senior goalie Jillian Mayhew played the first two home games of the season. Having two capable goalies is a challenging luxury for the coach.

"It's difficult. You want to be fair to both, but at the same point right from the start of the year you know we're going to try to split it," Marsden said, adding he'll go with the hot hand in the playoffs.

As far as who will play in the next game, coach Marsden said it would be a game time decision.

He likes the progress of his team and hopes the long passes are left out of the repertoire of options when killing a penalty.

"All in all it's building, building and building. That's what we said we've had three games we're going like this [winning] so our next two games are [I.E. Weldon Secondary School] and Adam Scott [Collegiate Vocational Institute]. Then we'll finish up with St. Pete's [Secondary School] our last game our season," he said.

Marsden said the competition, as far as he knows, is close between the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, TASS, Weldon and ASCVI according to the standings.

However St. Peter's Secondary School is the team to beat.

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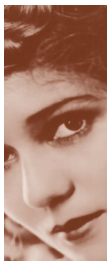
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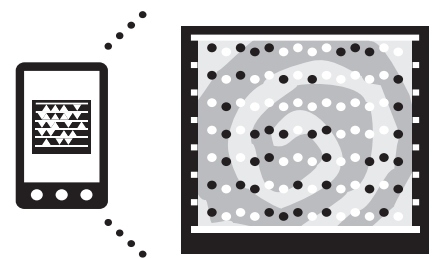
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Victory in losing for Red Hawks

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Three successful three-pointers was all that stood in the way of this season's first victory.

The Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team seemed poised to walk away with a win against the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons, bringing an intensity and relentless tenacity absent from their home opener.

Pitted against the Falcons, who handily beat Peterborough Collegiate Vocational Institute, touted as a championship contender, the Red Hawks were in tough against a flashier (a la NBA, complete with the swagger) team, but showed their quality, pushing them to win the game with a

fourth quarter comeback.

Coach Dave Waito was completely satisfied with the team's ability to address a few points despite the heart-breaking 43-39 loss.

"We wanted to work on getting boards. We wanted to work on getting loose balls and we wanted to get charges and I saw all three of those things happen tonight," he said.

Haliburton showed they were ready, starting quickly with a pair of buckets for a 4-0 lead.

Sticking to solid defence and strong fundamentals, the home team built a lead (12-9) in the second quarter. The low scoring game was a reflection of the physical battles inside and on the edge of the key. Every inch of the court was a virtual battlefield, as bodies were flying and crash-

ing to the floor.

Haliburton added to their lead, doubling up on the Falcons (18-9) when Zack Cox drained a jumper after pulling in an offensive rebound.

By the half, the Falcons chipped away at part of the lead, narrowing the gap 18-12.

Even though Haliburton led the entire third quarter, the Falcons kept attacking, slashing the lanes.

As the fourth quarter wore on the Red Hawks' difficulties breaking the press led to the team's downfall, as successive turnovers led to Falcons scoring chances.

Falcons player Kurtis Moore converted for nine points on these turnovers, draining three three-pointers for nine of his 10 points in the quarter.

With a comfortable seven-point lead and less than five minutes to go in the game, the Falcons eased up the defensive pressure, pulling off from the press.

The Red Hawks could only score two points with the press off until the Falcons brought the press again.

Red Hawks player Austin Lloyd's bucket drew the team to within three points (37-40), but it was the closest the team came to reclaiming the lead for the win to send the home crowd leaving happy.

Waito is looking ahead, focusing on the positives.

He is impressed with the leadership exhibited by point guard Damon Flatman and fellow veteran Denver Upton, who even took a few charges to cause a turnover. However the supporting younger cast are also stepping up, he said.

"Zack [Cox] was a lot more comfortable and a lot more aggressive so we'll look to him to finish a couple more of those buckets underneath than he has," he said, adding he is in the right spot and the scoring will come as long as continues what he is doing.

For the future, when the entire roster is healthy, Waito hopes to add a full-court press.

The team is missing guards Elijah Anger and Louis Ferracuti. Anger is expected back this week while Ferracuti is expected after the holidays. In this game the defence was relegated to man-to-man.

Flatman led Haliburton with 13 points while rookie Cox finished with 12 points. Their next home game is scheduled against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute in Haliburton for Dec. 21.



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Red Hawks senior point guard, in white, left, lays up a ball while teammate, Riley Tait looks on during a home game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Darren Lum Staff



Red Hawks attack

Red Hawks junior guard Jadon Bull leads a break during a home game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Haliburton lost 28-15. Darren Lum Staff

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Holidays are well deserved and needed

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The team's 10-0 record might be surprising, but it is far from shocking for the Red Hawks boys' varsity hockey coach.

Coach Ron Yake has believed in this team from day one to be successful and has been proven correct in the regular season and in tournament play.

He attributes this winning streak to the team's combina-

tion of solid core of veterans, having the knowledge of what it takes to win, with the work ethic of the rookies.

They have all exhibited great confidence, he adds, particularly in the tight games such as in the final of the Maxwell Mustangs Christmas Classic tournament when they beat Brother Andre of Markham 1-0 in overtime.

Another example occurred on Thursday, Dec. 15, when Haliburton hit the road, leaving the Dysart Arena confines to play the undefeated Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons (4-0).

The Red Hawks managed to take sole spot on the top of

the table, beating them 5-1 in game that was closer than the score indicated.

Yake said the game was tightly contested, as the game was scoreless until close to midway through the second period. The turning point, he said, came when Haliburton managed to score three goals all within about three minutes during the second period.

Red Hawks' defenceman Chris Hall, who scored his first goal of the season, struck for the game's first goal at the 6:14 mark of the second period during the powerplay.

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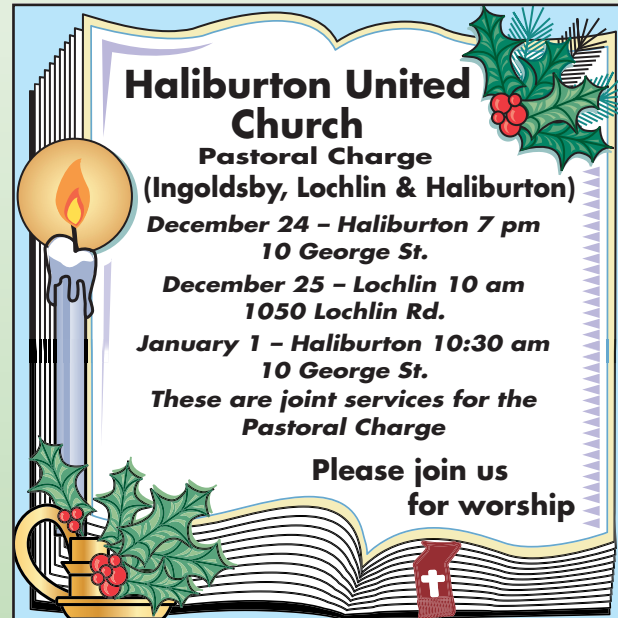
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December 24th
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December 24th
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December 25th
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Pottier rink advances to Gore Regionals

The Girls' A and B Red Hawks' curling teams competed at the Gore Schoolgirls' Zone bonspiel in Peterborough. The Pottier team won all three games to advance to the Gore regionals in Toronto in February. The Broderick team lost a close first game, won their second game to advance to the playoff round, where they split their games.

- submitted by Judi Paul's class

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Defensive corps coming into its own

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Less than three minutes later, Haliburton's forward Jordan Howe popped in another for the insurance marker. Just 16 seconds later, Brett Yake, who assisted on the game's first goal, put the game away, as the Falcons couldn't recover, breaking Red Hawks' goalie Andrew Elia's shutout.

The coach points out the Falcons changed up their defensive scheme, looking to score, which led to the two quick goals.

Yake continues to rack up the points, finishing with three points (one goal and two assists) in the game. Howe added another goal early in the third period and finished with three points (two goals and one assist). Aaron Hillier scored the last goal to finish with a single point while teammate Tanner Ballantyne had a pair of assists, and Red Hawks-

Greg Clements, Carson Roberts and Chad LaRue finished each with an assist.

The coach has been satisfied with the development of his defensive corps, which has been very successful in their transition game, clearing their own end.

He adds there has been marked improvement since the start of the season, regarding the transition and the defensive coverage.

The Red Hawks, like any hot high school team, will be dealing with the holiday break.

Coach Yake said since many of his players also play for other hockey teams he believes they deserve the physical break and wants his players to eat well and lots of it.

He acknowledges focus will be the hardest to maintain with the onset of the holidays.

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Introduction to Blacksmithing: ARTS38
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FEE: \$93.75

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Highland Storm Tyke represented well in Cannington

With only a few practices and no games under of belt. We stepped onto the ice to face off against the Sunderland Tykes. With a back and forth game we lost 2-0.

Game 2 proved to be a battle against Mari-
posa. Battling end to end, scoring a goal only to have them answer back with one of their own. Goals scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder. Second goal Hunter assisted by Nick and Damon Hariss. Third goal was unassisted Ryan Rupnow. Fourth goal Matthew Vargas assisted by Ryan. Fifth goal scored by Hunter and assisted by Damon and Nick. Tied after regulation, required us to finish this in overtime. All eyes were peered to the action packed game. Playing 15 minutes of overtime losing a player per period. Ultimately it would come down to a goalie's dual. We were down to one on one. Tension was rising ... it was our time to shine. Hunter stepped onto the ice, gained control of the puck and started moving down the ice. He shoots ... he scores. We won. 6-5

So here we were, in the C Finals. The puck is dropped Lindsay would be our opponent. After a great effort we lost 1-0.

Congratulations to Highland Storm Tykes Dylan Keefer, Kyan Hall, Chloe Billings, Gage Hutchinson, Nick Phippen, Hunter Winder, Matthew Vargas, Damon Harriss, Emily Alexander, Ryan Rupnow, Tyler Mills and Ava Smith, coach Josh Shaw and trainer Ron Hall.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Peewee As stand strong

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Peewee As travelled to Bracebridge Friday, Dec. 9 for the final regular season game. It was a high-spirited game, with the Bears wanting a win after the last two losses. The Storm stood strong and came home with a 4-1 win. Scoring for the Storm started off in the first period with a goal by Matt Wilbee, assists to Jake Bishop and Mark Saville. The next goal was by Jake Bishop unassisted. The second period saw a goal by Josh Boice assisted by Chase Burden and Chris Thompson. The fourth goal in the third to seal the deal was by Max MacNaull, unassisted.

The team's second game of the weekend was in Huntsville on Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. We knew this would be a tough game and would need to work extra hard, especially being short two players. And the Storm boys delivered the hard work, but it was not enough. The first goal in the third period was by Kyle Cooper assisted by Matt Wilbee and then Matt Wilbee assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville. As hard as the boys tried to tie it up, it was all over when Huntsville scored an empty netter for a win against the Storm of 4-2.

Our next game is Thursday, Dec. 15 in Minden against Huntsville at 6:30 p.m. Come on out and cheer the boys on.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AE Host Silver Stick Tournament

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Highland Storm hosted the Bantam Silver Stick Tournament this past week-

end. The hosts opened their weekend slate of games verses the Lindsay Muskies. They quickly found themselves down 3-0 as Lindsay came out very strong in the first period. The Storm regained their composure in the second period and closed the gap to 2 goals when Kyle Lavergne scored with an assist from Brenden McKee. Lindsay restored their 2 goal lead in the third but the Storm refused to give up. Hunter Bishop scored with Lavergne and Angus Sullivan drawing assists and they were within two. Lavergne struck once again with help from Bishop and McKee and the lead was now reduced to one. Unfortunately for the boys they couldn't find another goal and Lindsay scored another to make the final 5-3.

The Brighton Braves were up next and in this game the Storm dominated right from the outset. They won 6-2 and Kyle Lavergne led the way again with another two goal effort. Singles went to Brenden McKee, Damon Winder, Jayden Wood and Ryan Edwards. Wood also picked up two assists for a three point game while Bishop, Sullivan, McKee, Morgan Hamilton, and Lucas Esson also got on the score sheet with helps.

In the third game of the day the Storm faced the Tweed Hawks with both teams desperate for a win to advance to the semi-finals. The two teams were well matched and an intense battle ensued. The game was to be decided in a two minute span of the second period when Hunter Bishop scored twice to lead his team to victory. The first goal came from a slap shot to the top corner after some hard work from McKee and Lavergne. Bishop's second was all on his own as he won the face off, slipped past the defender and then fired the puck into the roof of the net. Austin McKay posted a well earned shut out.

The semi-final was against the Caledonia Thunder. The game was a nail biter all the way with both teams defending well and both goalies stopping everything sent their way. It wasn't until the final five minutes that Caledonia scored twice to seal the victory. The boys applied a lot of pressure but couldn't put one past the Thunder keeper. Cole Finlay took the loss despite a strong effort. The Caledonia Thunder were the ultimate champions in the Bantam Division.

The team would like to thank Kellee, Lisa, Kendra, Brenda, Dennis, the coaching staff, and all the parents who helped at the raffle table; it was a true team effort to make this tournament a success.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Peewee As win final game

The Highland Storm Peewee As played their final regular season game of 2011 on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Minden at 6:30 p.m. against the Huntsville Otters. The Storm boys had not won a game against this team all season so this would be their last chance to try for it. The boys came out with determination and aiming for a win. It was a good fast game with few penalties. The Storm scored two goals in the first period compared to the Otters one.

Our goals were by Ethan Keefer assisted

by Matt Wilbee and Devyn Prentice, the second goal by Chase Burden assisted by Andrew Hall. The second period proved to be similar to the first, with the Storm boys pulling further ahead by getting three more goals, Chase Burden assisted by Kyle Cooper, Kyle Cooper assisted by Matt Wilbee and Max MacNaull, and a short handed goal by Greg Crofts, unassisted. Still the Storm fans were not ready to acknowledge a win with the third period still needing to be played but the boys did not disappoint us. With a slow start to the third and the Otters getting another goal, the Storm decided to answer with another of their own to bring home the win of 6-3. The last goal was scored by Jake Bull assisted by Josh Boice and Matt Wilbee. The Peewee As are sponsored by Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry. We do not have a regular season game until Jan. 8 in Parry Sound but we are to play in a Peterborough Tournament Dec. 28, 29 and 30. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Years!

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Highland Storm Peewee AE Weekend of Hockey

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team was on the road. They travelled to Huntsville on Saturday and Parry Sound on Sunday, bringing home a loss and a win. The loss came on Saturday against Huntsville. It was a fast paced aggressive start with both teams spending time in the box, but Huntsville got on the score board ending the first period with a 2-0 lead. Both teams continued to push in the second period and once more Huntsville found the opening, minutes later the Storm bounced back with a pass from Jacob Haedicke unto the stick of Jon Morrison that earned the Storm their first goal, ending that period 3-1. Seconds into the third period, Alex Wilbee's strong shot from the point slip by the goalie to tighten the game 3-2. It may have the Olympic size ice or too little too late for the Storm but the momentum grew for the Otters and they put 2 more in to take the game 5-2.

It was off to Parry Sound on Sunday. Although the Storm team experienced some difficulty with the game start time, Parry Sound and everyone involved showed an immense amount of understanding and flexibility. With both teams wearing the same jerseys, it brought the friendliness back into the game. It reminded us that it's all for the kids and the love and fun of hockey as both teams showed a high level of sportsmanship. It was a close game at start with a scoreless first period and no penalties. There were lots of awesome chances for both teams but Parry Sound got the first goal. The Storm Peewee AE team took control of the game with some great passes and determination that tied it up in the second period. It was early in the third period when the Storm took the lead and held it for the game, defeat-

ing Parry Sound 4-1. It was an awesome team effort by all the boys, special mention to Josh Bellefleur who was solid in net. The Storm Peewee AE team is currently sitting second place in their division with 24 points of the 17 games played. Next weekend, they are on the road for a tournament in Huntsville. Good luck boys!

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team is proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

2011 Silver Stick report

The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association held its ninth annual Silver Stick Regional Qualifying Tournament over the weekends of Dec. 3/4 and Dec. 10/11. In all 28 minor hockey teams came to the Highlands and competed for the right to represent our Regional at the International Finals this coming January in Niagara Falls Ontario.

The regional champions from all over North America will gather for a five-day hockey extravaganza. There will be teams from Oregon, San Jose, Dallas, Las Vegas, Florida, New York, Michigan, British Columbia, Indiana and all over Ontario. Last year our own Highland Storm Atom AE (additional entry) team represented our Regional in Niagara and went to the Championship Final losing a heartbreaker to a team from New York State. Coach Jimmy O'Neill said it was a blast and that being second best in North America was an honor for the Haliburton County boys. This year our champions going to Niagara Falls are the Stirling Blues who defeated the Prince Edward County Kings 1-0 in the Atom AE Championship. The Peewee AE Champions are the Ennismore Eagles who defeated our own Highland Storm team 2-1 in a nail biter. (Great job by coach Bob Schmidt and his team!) The Caledonia Thunder defeated the Lindsay Muskies in O.T. 3-2 to claim the Bantam AE Championship. In O.T. the teams went three-on-three, two-on-two and one-on-one before the Thunder player scored on a breakaway! It was totally awesome for the fans. In the Midget AE division the Lakefield Chiefs scored a late third period goal to break a 0-0 tie with the Napanee Stars. It was a great midget hockey game with the Lake-

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Young hockey players give thanks

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field goalie Mack Featherstone being the No. 1 Star. These annual Silver Stick Hockey tournaments are getting great reviews and are becoming the Tournaments to go to for a lot of centres in Ontario. They desparately help our local economy at a time of the year when the tourists aren't coming up. The Highland Storm Association would like to thank the dedicated parents and Host teams who volunteer their time to run these events, for without them they wouldn't be possible.

The dedicated parents and coaches for this year were Bobby Sue Campbell, Lisa Turner, Jimmy O'Neill, Dana Manning, Drew Bishop, Kelly and Dave MacKay, Lisa Hamilton, Bob Schmidt, Dennis McKee, Dave Lavergne, Sheanna Allore, Dan and Ginny Marsden and Derek Little. If I left anyone out, I apologize. The Storm would also like to thank the Dysart and Minden Hills arena staff, the snack bar people Ritchie and Liz Lyddiatt, Kaitlyn Lily, her mom and Whitney Meunzel.

Also thanks to Ritchie Mills and his referees for doing an outstanding job. The games could not be played without Rob Hill and his timekeepers Jarrett Campbell, Curtis Balantyne, Bailey Walker and the great time keeping Legend Eric Nicholls. A huge thankyou goes out to Bonnie Thompson and Parker Pad and Printing for their beautiful programs, JoDanne Aggett for her amazing tournament wall charts, Kevin Sicard and Sharpley's Source for Sports for the awards, and lastly our executive members who do alot of work behind the scenes, Jaime Dollo, Bruce Griffith, Jim Winn, Derek Wilson, Dave MacKay, Gord Wood, Jason Morissette, Chad Burden, Dean Chaulk, Rob Hill, Ritchie Mills, Lisa Turner, Rob Meyers, Sheanna Allore and Glenda Mumford! Thank you from all of the young hockey players in Haliburton County.

Submitted by Wade MacInnes Highland Storm Silver Stick Director

Atom As win another

A Friday night game away in Bracebridge was a success for the Atom As with another win against the Bracebridge Bears. All I can say for this game is "WAY TO GO STORM!"

Those boys went out and played an amazing game, with some great skating, great passing, great defense and some awesome goaltending! With a group of boys that played as well as these ones did tonight, it was virtually impossible for the Bears to beat us.

With a score of 3-1 for us, the boys made the win look easy. All three goals were scored by Luke Hunter and assists went to Lucas Haedicke, Nik Dollo (2), Owen Gilbert, and Benn MacNaull.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Atom AEs defeated by Huntsville

The Highland Storm Atom AE team was in contention to win in the first two periods at the Haliburton arena on Saturday. Jake O'Neill put in two goals to give the Storm team a 2-1 lead but Huntsville tied it in the second period. Storm had a chance to go ahead again at the start of the third period when Huntsville took a penalty but the Storm team could not capitalize on the power play. Huntsville then got the upper hand in the third period with some wide open play. Storm goalie Jaxson Campbell was outstanding stopping a barrage of shots.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Tykes lose exhibition game

Highland Storm Tyke travelled to Bracebridge for an exhibition game against the Bears. With a 6-4 loss. Goals scored to Ty Mills (1), Nick Phippen (3). Assisted by Chloe Billings, Matt Vargas and Hunter Winder.

Next game is Jan. 2. 6 p.m. in Bobcaygeon
Submitted by Monica Keefer

Congrats to all-stars

Muskoka Parry Sound Hockey Association hosted a day of All Star games from Novice up to Midget, in Gravenhurst.

Congrats go to all the kids that were selected to represent your division from Highland Storm.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Bantam AEs runners up

The Bantam Highland Storm sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security were in Huntsville on the weekend to compete in a five team round robin tournament. They faced the home team in the opening game on Friday and skated away with a 3-0 victory. Jayden Wood, Brenden McKee, and Lucas Esson scored for the Storm. Wood, Ryan Edwards, and Kyle Lavergne each picked up an assist. In the second game they were pitted against a powerful Midland team and in a gritty performance they earned their second victory 2-1. Jayden Wood accounted for both Storm goals with helpers going to Angus Sullivan and Morgan Hamilton. Goaltender Austin McKay was in for both wins.

Saturday's action began with the Acton Tanners. The Storm won a chippy contest 3-1 with goals scored by Hunter Bishop, Lucas Esson, and Kyle Lavergne. Angus Sullivan, Caleb Schmidt, and Jayden Wood found the score sheet with assists. In the finale of the round robin they met the Petawawa Patriots. In a totally dominant exhibition the Storm dismantled the Patriots 4-0. Hunter Bishop led the

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Reads of the week



Book of the Week, Adult Title

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

Emigrating with her mother from Hong Kong to Brooklyn, Kimberly Chang begins a secret double life as an exceptional schoolgirl during the day and sweatshop worker at night, an existence also marked by her first crush and the pressure to save her family from poverty. Through Kimberly's story, author Jean Kwok, who also emigrated as a girl, brings to the page the lives of countless immigrants who are caught between the pressure to succeed in America, their duty to their family, and their own personal desires. Reserve this book in print, talking book, e-book and audiobook formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Book of the Week, Teen Title

The Hunger Games Companion by Lois H. Gresh

Go deeper into Katniss and Peeta's post-apocalyptic world – an alternative future where teenaged boys and girls are chosen from 12 districts to compete in the Hunger Games, a televised fight to the death. *The Hunger Games Companion* includes fascinating background information about the series, revealing amazing insights into the book's themes and features. For all those who enjoyed *The Hunger Games*, this companion guide to the wildly popular series is a must read. Get it at your library – and may the odds be forever in your favour.

Local Celebrity Read

Madeline Hopkins is a Grade 6 student at JDH Elementary School. Every December she re-reads *Rover Saves Christmas* by Roddy Doyle. "It is a humorous fiction about how Rudolph (the most famous reindeer in the world) has the flu on Christmas Eve and is not able to pull Santa's sleigh," says Madeline. "Of course Santa needs help so he asks the one creature he knows can do the job - Rover the Dog. Rover isn't any ordinary dog. He is a dog that has 'a brain the size of Africa and the head the size of a baked potato'."

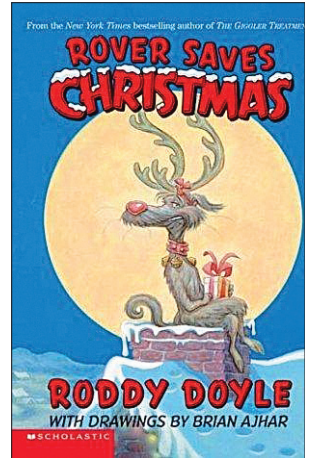


Rover accepts the job (after being blackmailed by an elf) and insists that his friends (children of course) come along to help him and Santa. So, Robbie, Jimmy, Victoria, Kayla and two lizards (Hanz and Heidi) join Santa and Rover to deliver the gifts."

Madeline loves to re-read this book every year because "it is really funny and makes me laugh out loud many times."

"There are silly chapters, commercials, several endings, funny characters through the whole story and I especially like a book that features a dog," she says.

"It is a great book for children and adults because the author Roddy Doyle is Irish and he includes lots of things that the adults (and kids) will laugh at like when the kids are deciding what to leave for Santa on the mantel on Christmas Eve: 'one of their mother's cans of Guinness. Oh, and 27 cheese sandwiches minus the crusts.'"



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Firefighter toy drive

Dysart volunteer firefighters Murray Miscio, left, and Greg Phippen accept toy donations outside of Todd's Independent grocery store on Dec. 17. The second annual firefighters' toy drive saw a fire truck filled with toy donations from residents of the community. All donations were given to the 4Cs.

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A week of music

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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This is only my own account of the past week but it could be typical of other households at this time of year.

We attended *The Nutcracker* on Sunday. Two of Janet and David Bain's grandchildren were part of the cast of dancers - Dana and Amy Black. Rebecca Kidd who lives on Grass Lake performed three roles: soldiers, snowflake and butterfly. She is one of the dancers who is included in the trip in March to Russia with Heritage Ballet.

On Monday evening we attended our weekly Scottish country dancing. On Tuesday I had a visit from one of our Scottish country dancers, Shirley Taylor, and that evening we heard the excellent Highlands Male Chorus. We were invited out on Wednesday evening to see a video re Thomas Kincaid's paintings and life, and of course Thursday is always choir night.

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Friday was my band's concert at St. George's, complete with Tri-vocals and the Algonquin Brass. In between, of course, cards were addressed and more shopping done. At our Friday concert Keith Burns was honoured to have a bursary to be presented next year in his name because of his dedication, attention and love of the band which he initiated 10 years ago under Glen Carter's direction. We are now up to 25 at our practices on Fridays. Many are rank beginners at instrumental music, some more experienced and some who used to play in high school and just needed a little encouragement to join and help us learn together under Glen's able leadership. Always fun!

John and Thea Patterson entertained at their house on Dec. 17.

Alice Johns and Bill Geddes achieved the high scores last Tuesday evening at euchre. Sandy Paulton and Leon Jones scored low, and most lone hands were Colleen Davison and Perry Morrison.

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community gives back



Making a splash

Members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton presented members of the Haliburton County Pool Initiative with a cheque for \$500 on Dec. 9. The donation brings the pool group to about \$23,000 of the \$35,000 it will need to conduct a market feasibility study on the construction of an indoor pool facility in Haliburton County. Pictured from left are Arthur Dawson, Dorothy Menton, Brian Menton, Lance Edwards, Andy Glecoff, Mark Dennys, Ray Selbie, Harvey Bates, Mary Hamilton, Karl Braeker, Gary McKnight, Darlene McKnight, Vicki Braeker and Robert Devboer. **Chad Ingram Staff**



Investing in food

Financial consultant Cindy Trapp presents Ron Mark of the 4Cs food bank with a cheque for \$500 Dec. 9 in appreciation for her client business in Haliburton County. Trapp works for Investors Group Financial Services and has been giving money at Christmas to the 4Cs for four years. **Jenn Watt Staff**



Realtors realize need

The realtors at Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. from left, Gary Moffatt, Karen Nimigon, Tom Ecclestone, Anne Hodgson, Margie Prestwich, Andrew Hodgson, Dagmar Boettcher, Elizabeth Thompson, Mark Dennys, Deb Deremo, and Lee Gauthier present Nick Bejetina director of the Haliburton 4Cs with a cheque in the amount of \$600 which was donated by the realtors themselves. They have also made another donation to the Minden Food Bank for \$600. Century 21 Granite Realty Group is a locally owned company that are proud to support the community. **Riley Maracle Co-op student**



SIRCHing for Santa

Andrea Black and Patti Lou Robinson from Patient News Publishing presented SIRCH's Diane Johnson with multiple gifts, cash and turkey bucks for SIRCH's families this Christmas season. /Photo submitted by Nancy Brownsberger

Notices



*The Municipality of Dysart et al
Wishes you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!*

NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOURS & CLOSURES

Dysart et al Municipal Office
will be CLOSED from and including
Monday, December 26th, 2011



Monday, January 2nd, 2012
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Tuesday, January 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.

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NOTICE of JANUARY 3rd, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLATION
Please take notice that the first Council meeting of January, normally to be held on January 3rd 2012,
is cancelled. The next meeting of Council will be held on January 9th, 2012,
in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy for a three year term ending in 2014.

Eligible applicants must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton and be at least 18 year of age.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by January 20, 2012.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

Hope Lee, Secretary
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*Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide
references and a police check.*

Plan to survive an airbag deployment



County of Haliburton Christmas Holiday Office Closure

The County of Haliburton Administration Offices at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden will close at the end of the business day on Friday, December 23, 2011 and will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 2, 2012. If you wish to leave a message for one of our staff, please call 705-286-1333 and follow the voice mail instructions. Alternatively, visit our website at www.county.haliburton.on.ca to obtain a list of contact information.

The County Roads Department has a 24 hour call answer service (705-286-1762) should you require immediate assistance.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Kelly Williams
QMI Agency

Have you ever been in a car crash and had the air bags deployed? I have. After reading about the Honda recall and airbag issues I thought I would share my own personal experience.

I was 26 at the time and driving home after having what I thought was a really great meeting regarding potential sponsorship on my race car. I was doing the speed limit through an intersection and at the last second saw something in my peripheral vision but it was too late.

A car hit my left front fender and sent me spinning through the intersection. Fortunately, I didn't contact anybody else. When I came to a stop, it took me a moment to realize the airbags had deployed. My car smelled like gun powder.

Without getting into all of the technical aspects, the various airbags in our cars are meant to inflate and deflate in under half a second and you are meant to come in contact with one as it is deflating.

There also known as smart airbags that deploy according to seat occupant size, but either way they are intended to come out very quickly. In some cases, at 200-300 km/h.

Airbags can cause a lot of harm if they aren't respected, specifically to the driver. Have you ever seen people driving with one hand at 12 o'clock on the steering wheel or with a hand on the hub of the steering wheel or with dogs on their laps or reading a book or map ... the list goes on.

In all these cases, the driver is putting something in front of the airbag and this is how facial injuries, or worse, happen to people when they are in crashes.

Your hand position on the steering wheel should be nine o'clock and three o'clock so your arms will be directed away from your face should you have a crash.

Poor hand position on the steering wheel often leads to facial injuries from their hands coming back and smacking them ... at 200-300 km/h.

Nobody plans for a crash but they happen all the time. As drivers we need to plan to minimize our injuries by practising some good habits with regard to the steering wheel.

For auto news, go to autonet.ca

NOTICE (Applicant - DAVIAU)

IN THE MATTER OF THE *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.D. 2001, and the *Municipal Procedures*, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, **the 14th day of February, 2012**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land Owners the following described lands:

Part of the Shore Road Allowance around Esson Lake lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 15, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a Preliminary Plan of survey made by Paul A. Miller, O.L.S., dated June 27, 2011. (Part 1 being the flooded portion, to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of December, 2011.

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Merry Christmas to all readers

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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In the weeks leading up to Christmas there have been numerous opportunities for people to participate in services of worship and concerts to celebrate this blessed sea-

son. Sunday, Dec. 18, voices of young and old were lifted in praise and prayer at the historic Essonville Church, the Harcourt Chapel and the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church.

Earlier that day at St. Margaret's Anglican Church a community choir took part in a service of Lessons and Carols.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, a small number of very interested supportive visitors enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild at our National Historic Site.

What's better than one party? At least two. A number of Dan Linkert's friends led by Paul and Mara surprised him last Saturday afternoon with a party to celebrate a special birthday. Then on arrival back home, his family surprised him with another happy gathering. May we say, "enjoy this golden year, Dan."

A very merry Christmas is extended to all the regular and occasional readers of the Wilberforce News.

Come enjoy an evening of music

Legion br. 624

Jan Simon PRO

Weekly Events - Dec. 19 to Dec. 25
Monday Bid Euchre Cancelled - begins again Jan. 2, 2012

Wednesday Darts 7:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
Jam Session 7 p.m. - Everyone welcome to play and listen to great music

Saturday Meat Draw 2 p.m.
Sunday Merry Christmas to all!
Monday CLOSED

Upcoming Events
Saturday, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration - at the Lloyd Watson Centre 9 p.m. to close - Buffet to be served at approx. 11 p.m. \$20/person.

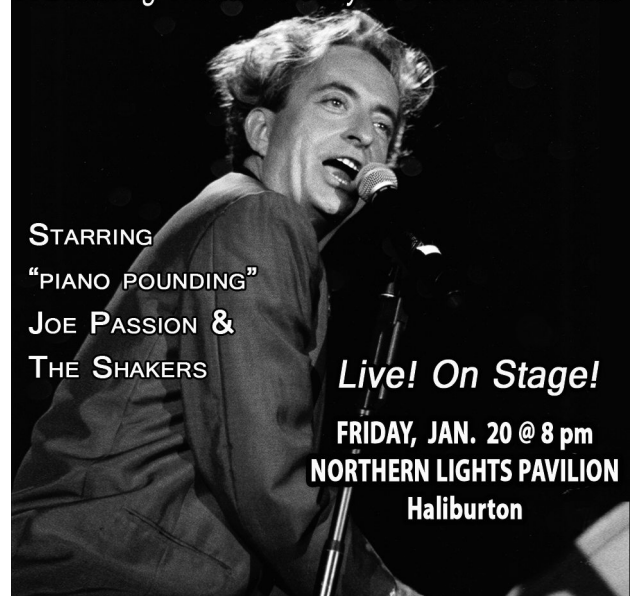
Tickets available at the Legion - Proceeds to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624 Wilberforce.

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Below, Carol Moffatt captured this image of a grouse in her yard.



Coming Events

Attention Parents & Grandparents

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Many thanks for keeping our project and "us" going,
Wishing you all a very *Merry Christmas* and
a prosperous *New Year*.

Bantam AE finish strongly

Coming Events

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way with two goals while once again singles went to Jayden Wood and Kyle Lavergne. Brenden McKee assisted on three of the goals while Wood, Lavergne, Ryan Edwards, and Damon Winder also earned assists. Cole Finlay was between the pipes for both victories.

The Storm finished undefeated and were set to face Midland in the final. The boys from the Highlands came out strong and opened the scoring with a nice three way passing play with Lucas Esson converting a great pass from Hunter Bishop after some fine work by Damon Winder. Winder put the Storm up 2-0 as he took a pass from Ryan Edwards, raced down the wing, cut to the net and beat the Centennials goalie on his own rebound. It was all downhill from there. A total team collapse resulted in Midland scoring seven straight goals, with three coming in a 25 second span of the third. Brenden McKee rounded out the scoring with a minute left, Bishop and Esson earned assists. Despite this disappointing result, the team has finished strongly in all three of their tournaments this season. They have a B championship, a semi-final finish, and after going undefeated in round robin play, a loss in a final.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

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community calendar

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to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Dec 7-Dec 24: Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc. will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Stedmans Haliburton in the front entrance every Wednesday 11am - 5pm, Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5.00pm in December. Come and help us as we help you and others. Judith 705 457-3107

Dec 7 - Jan 21: Cultural Considerations How do you define culture? Join a conversation sparked by works by Marcel O'Gorman "Myth of the Steersman" an installation about cultural re-invention and the mysterious disappearance of Tom Thomson; studio recreation and works of successful Haliburton artist H.W. Wagner (1889-1948); and YOU. Gallery hours Wed - Sat 11a.m.-5p.m. 23 York St. Haliburton Village www.railsendgallery.com 705-457-2330

Dec. 20: HaliburtonOEYC Christmas with Santa! from 10-1. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it. Santa will visit and stay for milk & cookies too! Phone to sign up at 705-457-2989. Minden Wed. Dec. 21 from 10-1. Santa will join us at circle. Stay for a pot luck lunch. Donations to the food bank also welcomed. To sign up by Dec. 19. phone 705-286-1770.

Dec 21: OEYC Minden & Haliburton Christmas closure. Our last day open before Christmas will be December 21, re-opening on January 9. Starting January 2012, we will open at 9 am and close at 12:30 pm.

Dec 22 - Minden Legion Branch 636, President's Levy (open house for public) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Music by members of The Kellett Family.

Dec 29: 2nd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era hosted by Haliburton County Historical Society. Located at Dysart Arena upstairs at 1:30p.m.

Dec 31 - Minden Legion Branch 636, New Year's Eve Celebration. Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. (prime rib or chicken). DJ and karaoke after dinner. Tickets \$25 each (\$30 after Dec. 16). The Legion will be other wise closed from December 24th to January 1st, open for business as usual on January 2 (and open New Year's Eve).

Jan 5 - Feb 25 Evidence at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Opening reception Saturday, January 14 at 1pm This is a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today. Is the ultimate role of photography to document? Does society hold it as the true witness of our time? How much do we trust it? If it has become abused by technology is it just 'eye-candy' or is this what we as a society will be historically known as? This exhibition moves from shocking to stark realities that pull the viewer through a myriad of emotions. Laurie Carmount curator, 705-286-3763 gallery@mindenhills.ca, www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Jan 15 : Razzamataz Kids Shows! - Motus O Dance Theatre presents "Circus Terrifico" 2:00 pm- Northern Lights Pavilion We meet 3 circus performers boarding the train to their next show. A case of vanishing tickets, however, thwarts their plans and strands them on the platform. It takes every trick in the book (and their suitcases) to create an impromptu show to raise money for new tickets. Performed with the signature Motus O physicality and humour, see for yourself how a little magic, some juggling, tight-rope walking and fortune-telling can fulfill every child's fantasy to 'run off and join the circus'
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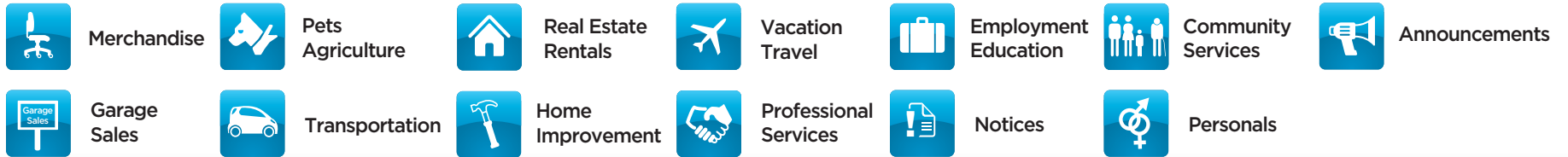
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Deaths

Joy Sheila Irene Tsiourlis
(nee Higgins) on Friday, December 9,
2011 surrounded by family at
Southlake Regional Health Centre at
the age of 65, after a courageous fight
with cancer. Beloved mother of
Timothy (Bonnie) and Michael. Will be
sadly missed by her partner of 48
years, Peter. Nanna to Cory, Justin,
Clarissa, and Timothy Junior.
Cherished daughter of Bruce. Sister to
Doug (Sandra), Janice (Tim
Chambers). Nieces and nephews-
Jason Chambers; and Kim and Bryan
Higgins. Predeceased by her mother
Irene and aunt Sheila Mitchell (nee
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Ruth Stamp and predeceased by his sisters
Elsie McColl, Emma Morrison, and by his
brothers Frank, Cecil and Allan. Fondly
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nephews, especially by his many musician
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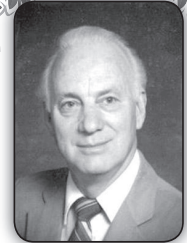
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will linger forever
As I treasure the
image of you.
Always in my heart &
thoughts never to be
forgotten*

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It's pages Mother dear
Hold all the loving thoughts of you
Recorded year by year
A book of golden yesterdays,
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A rare edition Mother dear
Because you're treasured there
Love Always and Forever
Lyndell & Allan, (Larry 2009) & Avril,
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Jenny & Kevin & families

CASEY, RAY passed way Dec 23, 2005

*He was just a simple man
With a heart of gold
He touched many lives
Both young and old
He didn't need treasures
To make him happy & nice
Just the love of his friends,
His Family, his wife
Now he's in Heaven
Looking down from above
Still deep in our hearts
Touching us with his love*

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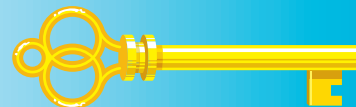
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\$699,000.



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\$500,000.



COUNTRY ACREAGE & HOME

Located between Haliburton & Minden on 23 acres, trails throughout. Comfortable 3BR/2Bath on one level, spacious rooms, large oak kitchen, lots of bells & whistles plus 2 Massive garage buildings.

\$309,000.



FAMILY FARMHOUSE

78 ac with something for everyone. Near skiing & swimming. Forest & field. Greenhouse & Barn. Great for young or old!

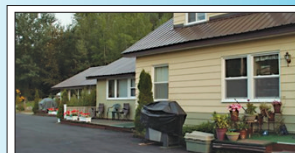
\$299,900.



WENONA LAKE

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\$259,000.



HOME ON 5 ACRES

Between Haliburton & Minden on nearly 5ac. 3BR, 24X24 garage, Recroom w/bar. Spacious.

\$239,900.



SUNNYSIDE STREET

In town, yet so private! 3+1 bedrm in immaculate condition. Spacious living on 3 levels, a great family home a convenient walk to village.

\$229,500.

WINNING COMBINATION



\$229,500

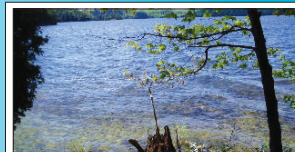
New Price, Pretty,
Private Lot,
Spacious &
Immaculate
within the village



MAPLE LAKE

Traditional 3bedrm, 3 season cottage. Level lot with 118' frtg. Good shoreline, great for swimming. Sun porch, bright livingroom. 1000sf dock, popular 3 lake chain.

\$229,900.



CARDIFF LAKE

3.29 ac. Gradual slope. Crown land nearby. 645' of clean sand/stone shoreline. Driveway in. Hydro/phone avail, easements.

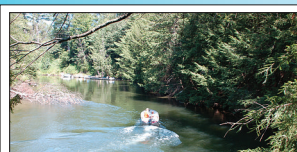
\$179,000.



GELERT ROAD

3br home, nice bright & clean. Laminate floor throughout, pine kitchen. Sunroom, gazebo and 2 storage sheds. Close to Haliburton Village. Good starter home.

\$119,900.

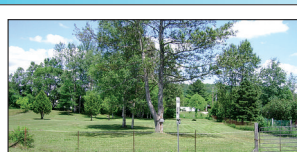


VIEW OF GULL LAKE

35.9 ac parcel. Stunning view. Access to Gull River. Close to Minden. Rolling acreage. Trails.

\$89,900.

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WILBERFORCE

Very pretty, level lot in the village, walking to all town. Amenities including the new Pharmacy!

\$25,000.



WALK TO LAKE ACCESS

To the Long Lake public access. Super spot for cottage or home!

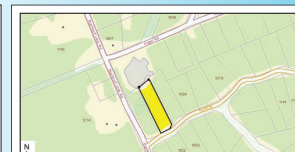
\$22,000.



GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

1 ac lot within walking distance to the lake. Yr rnd road. Hydro/phone available.

\$19,900.



NORTH ROAD

2.45 Ac building lot in Sir Sam's ski area. Good location for ski chalet, cottage or Year round home.

\$17,900.

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